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Lyrics on the Lawn returns to Otsego Library in August

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Since making its debut more than a decade ago, the Lyrics on the Lawn concert series has become a summer tradition at Otsego District Public Library.

And this year is no different.

Lyrics on the Lawn is back for its 11th year, featuring an eclectic array of performers who will share their talent with patrons each Thursday evening in August.

"Bring a lawn chair or blanket and your family and friends to enjoy great free entertainment," library officials said in a release.

After last year's 10th-anniversary edition of Lyrics on the Lawn showcased some past favorite acts, this year's lineup includes newcomers to the series. All four acts are from the West Michigan area, encompassing various genres.

The Kennedy Affair Blues Band kicks off the series on Aug. 7. Also performing are Tyler Roy on Aug. 14, the LaJoye Quartet on Aug. 21 and the Allegan Brass Collective on Aug. 28.

The Allegan Brass Collective

As usual, free popcorn will be available for all shows, with bottled water being sold for $1.

Here is a closer look at this year's four bands:

The Kennedy Affair Blues Band

Hailing from Kalamazoo, The Kennedy Affair delivers a raw Texas blues sound infused with elements of R&B, rock, and soul. Known for their captivating, high-energy performances, they play a mix of 60s to contemporary blues hits and original compositions, making them a sought-after act for festivals and live music venues throughout West Michigan.

Tyler Roy

Originating from Battle Creek, Michigan, Tyler Roy is a Nashville-recorded country artist celebrated for his high-energy shows that blend original songs with country and rock covers. With over a decade of touring experience, he has opened for notable famous artists, and his songwriting prowess earned him top 10 placements on WOTV Idol in Grand Rapids for two consecutive years.

The Kennedy Affair

The LaJoye Quartet

Based in Hastings, the LaJoye Quartet comprises seasoned West Michigan musicians whose collective experience exceeds 200 years. Specializing in jazz and easy listening, they perform timeless tunes from the Great American Songbook, drawing inspiration from legends like Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, and Diana Krall.

The Allegan Brass Collective

The Allegan Brass Collective, formed in 2017, is a dynamic brass ensemble known for delivering vibrant performances at community events, churches, and festivals across West Michigan. Their repertoire spans various genres, including pop, showcasing their versatility and commitment to engaging audiences with lively brass music.

Tyler Roy

The LaJoye Quartet

City of Otsego adds another internet option

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

City of Otsego residents will soon have another option when it comes to internet service.

On Monday, July 14, Surf Internet will begin install fiber internet throughout the majority of the City.

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled to commemorate the occasion.

"(Surf Internet has) actually already started working in the neighboring township property, but will be coming the City's way starting next week," Otsego City Manager Aaron Mitchell said. "I think the City of Plainwell is also scheduled to be completed as well in the near future."

The Surf Internet website (https://surfinternet.com/) includes a tool that shows what addresses will be served.

The installation project will begin at the southeastern corner of the City and work to the west and north.

"The first section should be lit up in September," Mitchell said.

According to Mitchell, affected property owners were sent mailings informing them that Surf Internet's services will be available soon. Multiple street markings will be seen on the streets as Surf Internet schedules the work.

"They will be operating with boring equipment to limit the disturbing of yards and landscaping," Mitchell said. "They intend to work with property owners with sprinklers and utility lines to avoid any damages."

Surf Internet will be operating in the public Right of Way for all of their work and will be responsible for any and all damages and restoration efforts when they leave, according to Mitchell.

"This work is made possible by the METRO Act, which is allows for entities to work within public (Right of Ways) with signed agreements with the local governments," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said Surf Internet's service differs from that of 123.NET in that Surf Internet is taking customers regardless of current internet options that an address has.

123.NET was only signing up customers with no other options.

"Almost all of the effected properties Surf is covering already have cable internet through Spectrum," Mitchell said. "I was told fiber is a totally new world when it comes to capabilities."

Mitchell believes Surf Internet's prices could also help City residents save on their internet costs.

"The pricing is favorable and they lock in rates for a lifetime, which seems like a pretty good deal," he said. "I have been informed by other municipal managers that they are a great company and great to work with, and we're excited to offer this to our residents."

Otsego updates chicken ordinance

By Aaron Mitchell
Otsego City Manager

Since last March, the City of Otsego has been discussing the possibility of allowing residential property owners to own chickens for the provision of eggs.

To kick things off, we had a few residents come to our City Commission meeting to discuss chickens in that month. They came with a good attitude, just wanting to start a conversation on chickens.

After that conversation, we reached out to the community to have a few public hearings on what they feel about residential chickens. As with all public hearings, we got voices of all kinds from both sides of the spectrum.

The longstanding domesticated animals' ordinance has allowed for the City Manager to approve of a chicken or duck permit if: the property was over an acre in size and the birds were not harmful to the character of the neighborhood.

The problem with these requirements is that there are very few residential properties within the City over an acre and I am no chicken or duck expert. So, the response has always been to not allow any chickens or ducks in hopes of treating everyone equal.

That ordinance is not good for residents and not good for City administration, which makes a change good for everyone. We just had to figure out what that change looked like exactly.

During our discussions at City Commission meetings, we reviewed many different types of Chicken Ordinances from across the state. Some were very flexible and some were not.

The Commission's goal was to make chickens (not ducks) available to those who are willing to follow our guidelines and make it so that those who do not want chickens do not feel like they were not heard. Once again, it comes down to that delicate balance between both sides—a common theme with most City Commission decisions.

What came out of those discussions was an affection for the City of Rockford ordinance. It was comprehensive and well assembled.

Many who opposed chickens were concerned with the aesthetics of having chickens in a residential neighborhood, and rightfully so. Rockford certainly has a reputation of being concerned with the aesthetics and visuals of their properties, so that gave everyone some confidence that it was a good model to review.

After we reviewed it, we could see why it would be adopted by the City of Rockford. It had all of the guidelines that we were looking for, and it spelled out specifics related to chicken coops, setbacks and maintenance requirements for permit owners.

In response, we modeled our guidelines off of their ordinance and it was recently approved at the Monday, July 7, meeting.

When it goes into effect around Aug. 1, a single-family residential property owner located within a single-family residential district with property of at least .4 acres may apply for an annual permit. To have the permit approved, residents must comply with multiple requirements in relation to location and maintenance of the chickens.

If that is awarded, they may have up to six hens (no roosters). Permits and complaints will be inspected by the Otsego Police Department.

While some may see the time frame of starting in March to getting something finalized in August as a long time, in the local-government world that is "lightning fast." We have legal guidelines we must comply with and posting requirements, not to mention the fact that we have to create an ordinance that we like and that we can't get sued over.

So, I am very pleased with getting that turned around as fast as we did. For any further questions or to get a Chicken Permit, feel free to stop by City Hall.

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By mid-afternoon on Thursday, July 3, 2025, the Allegan Riverfront was filling with visitors, not only to enjoy the Perrigo Splash Pad, but to claim their small piece of acreage in anticipation of the evening fireworks. Photo: G. Voss

July 4th begins with the July 3rd Jubilee

By Gari Voss

July 4th around Allegan really begins with the July 3rd Jubilee on the Riverfront. On July 3, 2025, the city of Allegan began filling with people – large and small, young and older. In the late afternoon and early evening, well-versed July 3rd Jubilee goers began staking out their areas along the riverfront with blankets and chairs. Many brought picnic lunches or coolers knowing that the dinner hour would come and go before the sun set and the sky would begin to light up. Others took advantage of the eateries and breweries around town or of the food trucks that were allowed on the riverfront or Brady Street.

No matter where one settled, there were the refrains of music from the new Amphitheater in Mayhan Park featuring Strum, Dumb and Dumber or the Riverfront Stage featuring In the Grey. Visitors just sat and listened, got up and danced, or chatted with friends.

Food trucks were a definite hit. No matter if one was hungry for an entire meal or just wanted a cool lemonade, some ice cream, or a Kona Ice, there was a line. Brady Street touted the longest lines with twenty to thirty people hoping to get their favorites.

As dusk settled around the town, the food lines began to dwindle, and people attempted to find the best view of the river. 10pm approached and the crowd was teased by backyard fireworks over the trees. But the main event did not begin until about 10:20pm. The brighter lights on the food trucks were extinguished, and the sky erupted with light and sound.

Special thanks to Assistant City Manager Parker Johnson, Ryan Burza and their crew for organizing the festivities. Plus, thank you to the many sponsors who assisted with the implementation and associated costs.

Not only did the Riverfront Boardwalk area fill with party-goers for the July 3rd Jubilee in Allegan, but the newly renovated Mahan Park filled with those enjoying the music of Strum, Dumb and Dumber coming from the new Mahan Amphitheater, dining on the many food offerings along Brady Street, and enjoying friends. Photo: G. Voss

The fireworks began along the Allegan Riverfront on Thursday, July 3, 2025, not as a couple teasers to wake up the crowd, but with earth trembling bangs. Right after the initial jolt, Ooos and Aaahs passed through the crowd that quieted to enjoy and marvel at the display of lights, shapes and sounds. Photo: G. Voss

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The Hopkins 4th of July festivities offered families a grassy area where children could play on the bouncy toys and families could picnic. Photo: G. Voss

July 4th weekend celebrated across the county

By Gari Voss

Allegan County visitors often focus on the Lake Michigan shoreline and events like Light Up the Lake in South Haven or the Fireworks in Saugatuck or the juried art shows, but the weekend offered far more to visitors and residents who did not want to travel far from home.

Taking a peek around the country… The 4th of July weekend in the small communities of Allegan County featured a wonderful variety of entertainment and activities, and this is just the beginning of a summer filled with offerings for the entire family.

Fennville

Thursday, July 3rd, Fennville featured the Kanola Band for their Thursday City Music Hall series in City Square Park. Local restaurants were open for takeout, beverages were available through Fennville's social district, and concert goers enjoyed the group's Midwest Roots and New Orleans Soul.

Hopkins

Friday, Hopkins offered festival goers of all ages an opportunity to get out and enjoy fun, food, music, and fireworks during their 4th of July Hometown Celebration. The main square was lined with food vendors, the FAA silent auction, the scouts' food area and more.

The areas were nicely arrayed, but it was the activities that caught the attention of festival goers. The Freedom 5K race may be a favorite of some, but the kids pedal tractor race sponsored by the FAA garnered quite the cheering section and was not outdone by the bed races. The cheerleaders added their energy, and the list of local participants went on with the Kids' Parade and Communitywide Parade.

The judges of the pie baking contest had difficult decisions to make. In the end, they decided that in the Fruit Category: 3rd Place: Kate Fiske with a Strawberry Rhubarb Pie; 2nd Place: Allie Rhodes with a Blueberry Peach Pie, and 1st Place: LaShada Stevens with a Blueberry Pie. In the Cream Category: 3rd Place: Kate Fiske with a Pumpkin Pie; 2nd Place: Brenda Anderson with a Peanut butter Pie; and 1st Place: LaShada Stevens with a Pineapple Delight. Best of Show went to LaShada Stevens and her Blueberry Pie.

By the end of the day, the park became a favorite resting and eating place as Copy Katz performed on the main stage. Once the crowd caught its second wind, they migrated to the school to enjoy the fireworks that culminated a wonderful evening.

Pullman

The activities around the county continued into July 5th. Saugatuck had its 4th of July Parade, Art Show and festivities, but at the end of the day, a place to reenergize was Pullman. The Summer Concert and Food Truck series brought the Live Bait Band to the Pullman Town Square. The quartet shared a variety of familiar hits New Orleans Jazz style. With refreshments offered by Beautify Pullman, the warm evening felt comfortable with the breeze passing through the shelter.

Allegan

Amazingly, after a wild July 3rd Jubilee, Allegan offered their first Good Times at the Gazebo Concert in Mahan Park on the riverfront. The Kalamazoo River furnishes the new amphitheater in the renovated park a wonderful setting for any type of music or theater. On Saturday, July 5th, His Boy Elroy came up from Marshall, MI to delight those gathered to easy-listening, popular and classic rock music hits.

As an extremely busy day in Hopkins began to come to a close, the city park offered wonderful food trucks, the FAA Silent Auction, and Crazy Katz entertaining an audience that followed the shadows of trees. As nightfall set in the crowds found their second wind and congregated at the school to enjoy the fireworks. Photo: G. Voss

The Live Bait shared their New Orleans Jazz with the visitors at the Summer Concert and Food Truck series in Pullman, MI on Sat., July 5, 2025. Photo: G. Voss

His Boy Elroy from Marshall, MI opened the Good Time at the Gazebo series in Allegan on Sat., July 5, 2025. Playing familiar popular and classic rock, the group entertained those gathered. The new amphitheater in Mahan Park is proving to be a wonderful venue to spend time. Photo: G. Voss

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Community Calendar - Week of July 7, 2025

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Fri., July 11, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – The Bootstrap Boys
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat., July 12, 2025, 10am: Heroes and Horsepower
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat., July 12, 2025, 7pm: Good Times at the Gazebo – The Guinness Brothers & Jack Dailey
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan

Sat., July 12, 2025, 7-10pm: Summer Saturday Concerts & Food Trucks
Pullman Town Square 109th Ave & 56th St.

Mon., July 14, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Balloon Animals with Mr. Jim – All ages can enjoy watching Mr. Jim create colorful animals.
6pm: Act Out! With Spike Kunetz – Learn basic acting skills from a professional actor.

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., July 9, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Recess for Adults – Come and interact with people from the Allegan ARC.
6pm: Wiggle Worms Play 'N Learn – 0-3 year olds and siblings can drop in for fun and conversation.

Wed., July 9, 2025, 5-9pm: Music on Main
Wayland Downtown Wayland
Join the fun and wonderful music.
downtownwayland.com

Thurs., July 10, 2025, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Water & Cutler Streets Allegan
Double up food bucks available at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge Street.

Thurs., July 10, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – children 3-5 are invited to enjoy books and activities.
3pm: Messy Munchkins – Children 0-7 are invited to create mini murals with finger paints.

Thurs., July 10, 2025, 6-8pm: Eccentric Garden Plant Workshop
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Check on workshop details at 269-512-7016.

Thurs., July 10, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Mulebone
City Square Park 116 S. Maple St. Fennville
Enjoy some traditional blues.

Fri., July 11, 2025, 1pm: MI Mammals with the Kalamazoo Nature Center
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
All ages can drop in and learn about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

Fri., July 11, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – The Bootstrap Boys
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy some Country.

Sat., July 12, 2025, 10am: Heroes and Horsepower
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
All ages can drop in and learn about community service cars and trucks and their drivers. If the weather is inclement, the event will be cancelled.

Sat., July 12, 2025, 10am-2pm: Macatawa Water Festival
Kollen Park 240 Kollen Park Dr. Holland
Sponsored by the Allegan Conservation District. For additional information, contact Allegan.Admin@macd.org.

Sat., July 12, 2025, 7pm: Good Times at the Gazebo – The Guinness Brothers & Jack Dailey
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan
Enjoy great classic rock covers.

Sat., July 12, 2025, 7-10pm: Summer Saturday Concerts & Food Trucks
Pullman Town Square 109th Ave & 56th St.
July 12th, enjoy Michael & Sophia McIntosh and Hoggs Next Barbeque

Sat., July 12, 2025, 7-10pm: Todd Michael & Ghost Town Marshalls
Sandy Pines Phase 1 Outdoor Pavilion
This concert is for members, campers and registered guests.

Mon., July 14, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10am: Play Doh Play Lab – Ages 0-7 can get messy and creative.
1pm: Craft & Snack – All ages can bring their projects and enjoy conversations and light refreshments.
2pm: Balloon Animals with Mr. Jim – All ages can enjoy watching Mr. Jim create colorful animals.
6pm: Act Out! With Spike Kunetz – Learn basic acting skills from a professional actor.

Mon., July 14, 2025, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan. Find your favorite food!

Tues., July 15, 2025, 10:30am: Lapsit Storytime
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Ages 0-2 can drop in to enjoy stories and fun.

Wed., July 16, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Teen Tie Dye Club – Students in grades 6-12 can create a wonderful pillowcase.
6:30pm: Pub Quiz at Tantrick Brewing – Begin register teams at 5:30pm then test your knowledge.

Wed., July 16, 2025, 5-9pm: Music on Main
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Wed., July 16, 2025, 5pm: Fennville Ice Cream Social
Across from City Hall 125 S. Maple St. Fennville
A meet and greet with wonderful ice cream.

Wed., July 16, 2025: Bike Nights
Wayland Downtown Wayland
downtownwayland.com

Thurs., July 17, 2025, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Water & Cutler Streets Allegan
Double up food bucks available at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge Street.

Thurs., July 17, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – Ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities.
2pm: Discover 4-H with MSU Extension – Ages 5-12 can drop in to participate in activities from other countries.
6pm: Home Energy Analysis – Learn to become for energy efficient with Consumers Energy.

Thurs., July 17, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Wilson Thicket
Fennville 116 S. Maple St. Fennville
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Fri., July 18, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Family Fun Festival with the Curious Kids' Museum – All ages can drop in for fun with paints, crafts, games, and the giant bubble chamber.
6pm: Teen Tech Night – Teens in grades 6-12 can register at 269 673-4625 to do all things tech.

Fri., July 18, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – Big Timmy & the Heavy Chevys
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy some R&B & Soul.

Fri., July 18, 2025, 8:30pm-12:30am: Glow Disc Golf Night
First Baptist Church S. M-40 Allegan
Fun for the family to support the Congregational Kitchen free meals.

Sat., July 19, 2025, 9am-3pm: Pullman Pride Community Event
Pullman 56th St. & 109th Ave.
Enjoy a day of celebration or community with funds raised for college scholarships for Lee Township youth.

Sat., July 19, 2025, 11am-2pm: Grand Opening Event
Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan
Sponsored by the Allegan Conservation District. For additional information, contact Allegan.Admin@macd.org.

Sat., July 19, 2025, 7pm: Good Times at the Gazebo – Clarke, Reed & Meadows
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan
Enjoy great folk music.

Sun., July 20, 2025, 11am: Christmas in July
2400 56th St. Fennville
Experience the Magic of Christmas in July!

Sun., July 20, 2025, Noon: July 2025 Mud Run
Bear Swamp Mud run 2293 28th St. Allegan
For more information and to register call (269) 673-8774 or email bearswampmudrun@hotmail.com

Mon., July 21, 2025, 3-4:30pm: Grief Support Group
Ransom District Library 180 S. Sherwood Ave. Plainwell
These meeting on the 1st Monday of each month promote healing and connection. wings@wingsofhopehospice.com

Mon., July 21, 2025, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan. Find your favorite food!

Tues., July 22, 2025, 1pm: Grief Support Social Luncheon
Salvino's 1290 M89 Plainwell
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Community Events

Rivertown Fitness for All Ages and Families
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11am, Core and More fitness classes for all ages and all levels to improve overall health, strength and well-being will be offered at Rivertown Gym & Fitness, 739 Airway Dr. Allegan. Call Todd at 269 686-7900 or email rivertowngym@gmail.com for additional information.

Scouting: Allegan has a variety of scouting opportunities. Each group is meeting in different ways to stay safe.

Cub Scout Pack 3026: Grades K-5. Call Cub Master Ron Gunter ron.f.gunter@gmail.com

Boy Scouts BSA 91 (boys 11-17 yrs.): Contact Scout Master Rob Keen 269 568-0435, eckeen1112@gmail.com

Girls Troop BSA 191 (girls 11-17): Contact Sara Keen sarajkeen@gmail.com.

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Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
Food, weatherization, early childhood education.

Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
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219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance
282 12th Street Plainwell MI 49080 (269) 685-4166
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Thursday: In person shopping/walk ins - 2pm-5pm
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Grief Support Groups
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United Church of Wayland - Free Clothing
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 4 - 6pm
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

Wings of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care - End of Life Care
530 Linn Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.wingsofhopehospice.com, (269) 686-8659

FOOD

Allegan Food Pantry
Church of God, 1313 Lincoln Rd., Allegan
Monday: 10 am–1pm; Tues.: 2–7pm; Fri. 1-4pm Curbside Service
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282 12th St. Plainwell 269 685-4166

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Epiphany Lutheran Church
4219 Park Land Dorr 616 681-0791

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United Church of Wayland
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

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United Methodist Church, 409 Trowbridge St., Allegan 269 673-4236
Tuesday: 9-11:45 a.m.; Wednesday: 9-11:45 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.; Friday: 10-11:45 a.m.
Food Pantry serves FOOD to residents of Allegan 49010 w/valid ID with current address ONLY.

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 Maple St. Hopkins
269 793-7340

Hungry for Christ
4565 135th Ave. Hamilton, 269 264-1307 x1000

Ladders of Hope USA - Food Assistance
717 East Main St, Fennville, MI 49408, www.laddersofhopemi.org, (269) 455-9452

Martin Area Resource Center
1445 10th St, Martin (269) 672-5605
No appointment needed. Pick up by one person per household.

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St. Martin 269 672-7097

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Legislators, lobbyists married to one another is a conflict of interest

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

I was sent an article from the Lansing City Pulse written by Kyle Melinn, that claims there are four state legislators that are married to lobbyists.

As Melinn says "that means in four households, one person works for the state to write the laws we live by. The other person works to tell lawmakers what those policies should be."

Now we can't regulate who marries who, but it would seem if you are one of 147 legislators running our State, and paid by taxpayer money, that either you or your spouse should step down from your position. It's not illegal but most certainly a conflict of interest and one you would think an upstanding legislator would want to avoid.

Just to be clear, lobbyists are paid to influence legislators. For instance, as an intern several decades ago, I worked for a lobbyist whose job was to influence legislators in an attempt to get more funding for Detroit Public Schools. We visited legislators at their offices, held get-togethers at a local restaurant, and did all we could to explain and cajole lawmakers to provide more funds.

So, I question how this works with the four legislators and their spouses. The spouses are paid to influence their partners. Something doesn't smell right with this arrangement.

The four legislators with lobbyist spouses are:

Sen. Sylvia Santana (D-Detroit). Her spouse is Harvey Santana, who works for the Alliance for Safety and Justice, a non-profit focused on criminal justice reform.

Rep. Pat Outman (R-Six Lakes). His spouse is Autumn Outman who has been a lobbyist since 2017 for Trinity Health.

Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia). Her husband is the former mayor of East Lansing but now is a lobbyist for the State Bar of Michigan

Rep Phil Skaggs (D-Grand Rapids). Kate Skaggs works for a multiclient firm that lobbies for a variety of organizations.

Of course, power couples are nothing new in Washington D.C. or Lansing. Since the beginning of time, they have wielded their influence on our laws at the federal and state level. But frankly I was surprised that we had actual spouses that might influence their married partner at the dinner table, and there are no written restrictions disallowing this.

Former Public Citizen's Congress Watch director once said, How can a member of Congress (in this case state legislature) possibly share a bed and a bank account with a member of a persuasion industry (lobbying) without a life laced by conflicts of interest?"

I would answer it's impossible and inappropriate. If you were to ask these four couples you would hear a myriad of excuses. "We don't discuss politics at home." "The legislation I am working on has nothing to do with my spouse." On and on.

If I had my druthers I would do away with lobbyists all together. Unfortunately, they have much more say than one would think about shaping the laws and regulations of our land. Legislators come and go, but lobbyists in some cases are in their positions for years. They know more about the legislative process than most legislators. Yet they are unelected and work in the background. You don't know their names or what they are advocating.

My suggestion to you as a voter is to be aware of these power couples next time you are in the ballot box. Only you have the ability to make change.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

My sister is the family genealogist. She got started some sixty years and has stayed with it ever since. It is not exactly an obsession, but she has converted a bedroom into her office, complete with walls lined with shelves, and the shelves filled with several hundred binders full of her research. Her focus is the vital statistics - names, dates, and other information, including copies of old photographs. So far, she has reached as far back as the twelfth century. Much to my disappointment, she hasn't found a vacant castle with our name on the deed, nor some hidden vast fortune. Then again, she discovered we are a direct descendent of an Italian composer whose son and grandson became the Marshal of Music for kings James I and Charles I and II of England. That and five dollars will buy a cup of coffee.

She also discovered we are a direct descendant of Sheriff Nottingham. No, not the sheriff associated with the tales of Robin Hood, but his predecessor. This fellow was so wicked and corrupt he was hired by Richard the Lionhearted, and then promptly consecrated the Bishop of Bath and Wells. I think it says more about church and state than anything else.

And she discovered a very low rank title from Wurttemberg, Germany that no one bothered claiming. I did, thanks to some quirky English laws. Not that it is of any use in this country, but it is the proverbial ace up the sleeve for getting dinner reservations in Europe.

What she discovered was that our family has generations of incredibly ordinary, maybe dull, individuals who lived very ordinary lives. They would be completely forgotten if it had not been for her research. Worse, I suspect that when my sister falls off her perch and all of her work is boxed up and shifted off to the local history center, they will slide further into obscurity.

Come to think of it, that is probably the way I'll end up: a notation in some genealogical records, on a shelf in the archives department of a small and not very important museum. It's an odds-on favorite that is the outcome for most of us.

As I wrote at the beginning, my sister's interest is in the vital statistic; my interest is in their story. Let's just say that Beverly and I don't always agree on this. I do not press the issue by saying I'm right and she is wrong, even if I think she is wrong, and she is.

I write that because going back just four generations to when my great-grandfather and his brother immigrated to the US, they led very ordinary lives. One became a journeyman stone mason; the other a journeyman cooper. Both decided life was better in America than the old country, so they moved. In time, they settled in southeastern Minnesota, each buying an adjacent quarter section of land a few miles west of Rochester.

Minnesota was still a territory then, and the citizens wanted to make it a state. Statehood meant a lot of paperwork and a minimum number of citizens. One day the postmaster rode out to see them, as if they were planning on staying, and when they said yes, had them sign a Letter of Intention. That was all it took to go on the voting rolls and vote in the next election. "For the right man, James Buchanan," the postmaster instructed them, warning there would be trouble if they didn't.

Long story short, these two immigrants and their families built their homes, barns, pulled stumps, plowed the land, and began farming. By the time they took up permanent residence in Oakwood Cemetery they each owned a section of land and had several other streams of income. Their sons and grandsons continued that tradition of hard work. Hopefully, all of them, and all of us, learn to find that sweet-spot balance between work and play.

Recently, I have been listening to an unusual podcast called Russian Mafia. No instructions on how to kill someone, rob banks, or take over small companies. Rather, it is a series of life lessons the author has learned that led him to become more mentally and emotionally stronger. He always ends his brief program with the words, "Be honorable,' one time he pointed out that strong people honor their ancestors and family. "They are your source of strength. If you do not honor them you are weak."

I went for a walk to think over this podcast, and that led me to thinking about some of my more recent ancestors. For years I have known the list of things they did - immigrating, working near Cincinnati to save money for a place of their own, moving from Ohio to Minnesota, the homestead, and more. I knew the facts about my grandfather who was in real estate and took off for a few months to go to northern Minnesota to prospect for copper. Or my father and all he did during his life. Add to that, my great-grandmother who endured the hardships of life on the frontier and buried two children who died of diphtheria; a grandmother who raised eight children; my mother who was the financial brains behind much of the work Father did, raised two children, and was deeply involved in her church, the Scouts, and more.

That barely scratches the surface of the information and facts I learned over the years. But there was far more behind it.

I knew the work, but on the walk that day I started reflecting over the attributes it took, deep within them, to make any and all of it happen. That caught my attention. Instead of inheriting a castle or a vast fortune, or any of the other great material items of our dreams, my heritage was a large collection of wonderful and honorable attributes.

The old Russian Mafia don was right on the money. One's ancestors are a true source of your strength. They deserve to be honored. The best way of honoring them is to apply their best standards to our life and follow in their footsteps.

As I wrote earlier, there is nothing unusual or special about this family tree. My guess is that most of you reading this column might say much the same thing.

There is one other important factor, particularly for the last four generations. They were optimists and once they learned about the United States, wanted to move here. One of the attributes they embraced, and which is still ours for the claiming, is that we live in a country where we can fulfill our potential.

Sometime - soon - take a few minutes to reflect over your family tree and come to some conclusions on how you can best honor those who went before you. What can you do to make their dreams become a clear reality, not just for you and your family, but for all of us?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (SEE ADDITIONAL LETTER, PAGE B4)

Climate change is real

Editor,

Like many of us I was shocked and saddened about the loss of life and property that was the result of the unanticipated deluge in Kerr County Texas last weekend.

As with other catastrophic weather events there are some who wonder if it might have been due to climate change.

Technically, single meteorological events cannot be specifically traced to climate change.

But if taken together with other weather-related catastrophes such as the droughts and fires throughout the U.S. every year, the destructive hurricanes (Maria in Puerto Rico and Helene which destroyed much of western North Carolina last fall)or the ice storm that pulverized Northern Michigan a few months back or even the tornado outbreaks we had in West Michigan last month and Portage last year, stuff that is relentlessly recurring, THAT'S climate change!

And it's at this point that it seems as if those who continue to deny it look like people who aren't bringing a full deck to the card game.

And worse it also seems as if they are the ones in charge as they cancel and disrupt previous and all efforts to reverse what we're doing to God's creation.

So, where does that leave the rest of us?

Especially as Jesus said that when it rains it rains on everyone.

At least we'll know to be looking for an umbrella.

David Ohmart

Rep. Huizenga voted to eliminate healthcare for millions

Dear Editor and Honorable Mr. Huizenga:

Remember: We use the term "honorable" as a demonstration of respect. If only you had the same level of respectful for your constituents.

The Senate just passed the Big Brutal Bill and it's on the way back to the House. Despite Republican claims that the bill only targets "waste, fraud and abuse" to make healthcare more efficient, those claims couldn't be farther from the truth. The Congressional Budget Office analyzed the bill and determined it will throw millions of vulnerable Americans off Medicaid and do damage to health insurance across America. In case you hadn't noticed, Medicaid keeps the doors open for a number of hospitals in the district you represent in Congress. In addition to this cruel measure, the bill makes life worse for low income families and their children by cutting SNAP. Despite its stated goal of reducing government spending, this bill will do the opposite, significantly increasing the deficit. That used to be a problem for fiscally conscientious Republicans. The fear of upsetting the current resident of the White House has changed all that.

The question, now, is whether you will truly respect your constituents by voting against this bill or are you locked in to sending our tax dollars to wealthy families and corporations?

The solution is to dump this bill and start over. Wealthy people don't need the tax breaks. They're doing just fine. Tax them. To paraphrase Sen. McConnell, " They will get over it."

The bill squeaked out of the House by one vote. Then, it cleared the Senate only because the Vice President broke the tie. That should give you plenty of information about how unpopular and risky this bill is. Undermine the health, safety and economic security of Americans in order to give the wealthiest among us tax breaks? What could possibly go wrong?

Just imagine the 2026 headlines when you campaign again: "Rep. Huizenga voted to eliminate healthcare for millions of people while blowing up deficit spending!

Sincerely,
William and Mary Jones

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Obituaries

Saul Gonzalez, 26

Con profunda tristeza y dolor anunciamos el fallecimiento de Saul Gonzalez, quien perdió trágicamente la vida en Irak el 17 de junio del 2025, mientras servía con orgullo a su país, a la temprana edad de 26 años.

Saul nació el 30 de diciembre del 1998 en Holland, Míchigan, hijo de Pauline Zurwalski-Peña y Ruben Gonzalez. Después de graduarse de Bloomingdale High School en el 2017, se enlistó en el Ejército de los Estados Unidos en febrero del 2018. Sirvió con orgullo durante más de siete años.

Durante su servicio, Saul ascendió rápidamente en los rangos al impresionar a sus compañeros y ganarse el respeto de sus superiores. Fue reconocido por su duro trabajo y dedicación, y fue ascendido a Sargento de Estado Mayor mientras estaba desplegado. No solo avanzó en rango, sino también en su carrera profesional, comenzando como mecánico de helicópteros Apache y terminando como inspector técnico. Saul sirvió con honor y valentía, impulsado por un profundo compromiso por el futuro de su familia. Su valor y sacrificio nunca serán olvidados.

Aunque estamos orgullosos del servicio de Saul, él era mucho más que el uniforme que portaba cada día. Desde una edad temprana, todo lo que hacía, lo hacía con orgullo y propósito. Ya fuera para provocar una risa o para ofrecer una mano amiga, siempre tenía un plan. Saul era conocido por su gran sonrisa, su sarcasmo agudo, su risa contagiosa y su carisma encantadora. Era, sin duda, una de las

Saul Gonzalez

personas más graciosas que uno podía conocer.

Cuando no estaba colgado de un helicóptero, en el gimnasio, o bajo el cofre de su querida camioneta, en su tiempo libre era un apasionado de los videojuegos y le encantaba conectarse con sus amigos en línea. También era un experto tirador, amaba sus armas y se esforzaba por perfeccionar su habilidad. Ya fuera con un control en la mano o en el campo de tiro, Saul se dedicaba a sus pasatiempos con la misma pasión y compromiso que mostró en cada parte de su vida.

La familia lo era todo para Saul. Fue un padre dedicado que soñaba con darles a sus hijos una vida llena de oportunidades, amor, y seguridad. Cada sacrificio que hizo, cada decisión que tomó, estuvo guiada por su feroz compromiso por el futuro de su familia.

La historia de Saul y Brandy comenzó en el 2013, pero su vínculo venía desde mucho antes, ya que crecieron como amigos de la infancia. Con los años, esa amistad floreció en amor. Juntos formaron una familia y tuvieron tres hermosos hijos: Saul Jr. (11), Daniel (8) y Viviana (6).

Saul deja atrás a su madre Pauline Zurwalski-Peña, su padre Ruben Gonzalez, su madrastra Amanda Gonzalez, su padrastro Jorge Luis Peña, su hermano Ruben Gonzalez Jr., y sus hermanas Maria Sustaita, Yolanda Marquez-Gonzalez, Amalia Gonzalez y Ruby Gonzalez.

Fue precedido en la muerte por su bisabuela Annette Zurwalski, su tío Adolfo Gonzalez, y su primo Erick Gonzalez.

Aunque deja un silencio que ninguna palabra puede llenar, su legado vive en cada vida que tocó, en cada libertad que ayudó a proteger y en cada corazón que lleva su memoria. Un héroe no solo por el uniforme que usó, sino por cada papel que desempeñó. Aunque su tiempo con nosotros fue demasiado corto, la memoria de Saul vivirá en cada persona que tuvo la suerte de conocerlo. Se fue, pero nunca será olvidado.

Los servicios para honrar y celebrar la vida de Saul serán los siguientes:

- Velorios: Jueves 10 de julio de 5:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. y viernes 11 de julio de 2:00 p.m. a 4:00 p.m., con un rosario de 4:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m. en Chappell Funeral Home, Fennville, Míchigan.
- Misa fúnebre en la Iglesia Católica San Felipe de Jesús 5586 117th Ave, Fennville, MI 49408, el sábado 12 de julio de 1 p.m. a 2 p.m. con una hora de visitación previa. Luego, una procesión a la tumba en el cementerio de Lee Township a partir de las 2:30 p.m.

Saul Gonzalez, 26

It is with deep and profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Saul Gonzalez who tragically lost his life in Iraq, while proudly serving his country on June 17th, 2025, at the young age of 26.

Saul was born on 12-30-1998 to Pauline Zurwalski-Peña and Ruben Gonzalez in Holland, MI. After Saul graduated from Bloomingdale High School in 2017, he went on to enlist in the United States Army in February 2018. He proudly served for over 7 years.

While serving in the Army, Saul easily moved up the ranks by impressing his peers and gaining the respect of his superiors. Saul was recognized for his hard work and dedication being promoted to Staff Sargeant while being deployed. Not only did Saul moved through the ranks but also in his field starting off as an Apache mechanic and ending as a technical inspector. Saul served with honor and bravery driven by a deep commitment to the future life of his family. His courage and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Although we are proud of Saul's service, he was so much more than the uniform he wore every day! From an early age, everything Saul did was with pride and purpose. Whether it was to gain a laugh or lend a helping hand, he had a plan. Saul was known for his big smile, ruthless sarcasm, contagious laughter, and charming good looks! He was truly one of the funniest people you could meet.

Saul Gonzalez

When you didn't find Saul hanging from a "bird", in the gym, or under the hood of his beloved truck, in his spare time he was an avid gamer who loved connecting with friends online. He was also an expert marksman, who loved his guns and worked hard to perfect his skill. Whether behind a controller or on the range, Saul approached his hobbies with the same passion and dedication that he brought to every part of his life.

Family meant everything to Saul! He was a devoted father who dreamed of giving his children a life full of opportunities, love, and security. Every sacrifice he made, every decision he took, was guided by fierce commitment to his family's future.

Saul and Brandy's story began in 2013, but their bond went back even further growing up as childhood friends. Over the years that friendship blossomed into love. Together they built a family and went on to have three beautiful children: Saul Jr (11), Daniel (8), and Viviana (6).

Saul is survived by his mother Pauline Zurwalski-Peña, father Ruben Gonzalez, stepmother Amanda Gonzalez, stepfather Jorge Luis Peña, brother Ruben Gonzalez Jr, and sisters Maria Sustaita, Yolanda Marquez-Gonzalez, Amalia Gonzalez, and Ruby Gonzalez.

Saul was pre-deceased by his great grandmother Annette Zurwalski, uncle Adolfo Gonzalez, and cousin Erick Gonzalez.

Though he leaves behind a silence no words can fill, his legacy endures in every life he touched, every freedom he helped protect, and every heart that carries his memory forward. A hero not just in uniform but in every role he held. Thou his time with us was far too short, Saul's memory will live on every person who was lucky enough to meet him. Gone, but not forgotten!

The services to honor and celebrate Saul's life will be as follows:

Visitations- Thursday, July 10th from 5-7 p.m. & Friday, July 11th from 2-4 p.m. with a rosary service from 4-5 p.m. at Chappel Funeral Home in Fennville, MI.

Funeral Mass at San Felipe de Jesus Catholic Church 5586 117th Ave, Fennville, MI 49408, Saturday, July 12th from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. with an hour's visitation beforehand. Then a procession to graveside at Lee Township cemetery starting around 2:30 p.m.

Edna Theresa Alfieri

Edna Theresa Alfieri, of Allegan, MI and North Port, FL passed away in the early morning on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at her family's home, following a long battle with cancer. Edna grew up in Holland, MI with her parents LeRoy Alfieri and Edna (Empson) Alfieri who preceded her in death along with her older brother Terry Alfieri and nephew Joshua Alfieri.

Edna worked as a CPA. She enjoyed the outdoors, bike riding, swimming, and being politically active. Edna loved raising Champion Yorkshire Terriers.

Edna is survived by her

Edna Theresa Alfieri

sister Randy Dian Woodall, her brother Victor Alfieri (Diana), sister-in-law Dawn Alfieri (Terry Alfieri); nieces and nephews: Lindsey (Ed) Dilley and their daughters Olivia and Hailey, Lesley (Ryan) Coghill, Ashley (Daniel) Vander Wal and their sons Devin, Baylin, Corbin and Maysin; Lyle Danley, Bryan Alfieri, and other family and friends.

Edna will be remembered as a loving sister, a playful aunt, and a loyal friend. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the American Cancer Society in her name. A memorial will be planned at a future date for family and friends.

Philip James Sheridan

Philip James Sheridan was born to his parents James and Catherine Sheridan on December 24, 1940, in Mt. Clemens, MI. Phil grew up with older brother John and younger brother Steve in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Phil was a great student and graduated as co-valedictorian, from Ironwood High School in 1958. He graduated from Northwestern in Chicago in 1962 and graduated magna cum laude from the University of San Francisco Law School. He then spent the next five years as an officer in the Navy.

Phil and his first wife, Karen, were married in Hawaii and they happily welcomed their little girl, Shannon. Phil and his family moved to San Francisco, and he began working as a hospital administrator, It was during this time that Philip attended law school. Unfortunately, Karen and Phil ended up separating and divorcing. After completing law school, Phil married his second wife Marty, and they left California to move

Philip James Sheridan

to Allegan, MI. While in Allegan, Jen and John were born to their delighted parents in 1978 and 1979. Phillip and his attorney brother, Steve, opened the Sheridan and Sheridan law offices in Allegan and Douglas, MI.

Phil practiced general law, although he especially enjoyed property law. All of Phil's time was spent practicing law, overseeing his rental property and being a dad to Shannon, Jen and Jon. Regrettably Marty and Phil parted ways in 1985. In 1993, Phil and Kathy Mulder married, and he became stepdad to her two sons, Jeff and Mike. Their happiest times were spent vacationing at many national parks.

Phil became semi-retired around 2014; although he continued to work part time at Property Law Solutions, in Holland, MI, in 2020 Philip began to show signs of Frontotemporal Dementia, this insidious, horrific disease took over his life, until his death on June 27, 2025. The loves of Phil's life were his family, the law, politics and University of Michigan Football.

A memorial service for Phil is scheduled for Saturday, July 12 at 1pm at Hope Church, 77 West 11th Street Hollan, MI 49423. Rev. Gordon Wiersma will be officiating. Burial will be in Riverside – Saugatuck Cemetery. Arrangements are by Dykstra Funeral Homes – Mulder Chapel. To sign an on-line registry or leave a memory please visit www.dykstrafuneralhome.com

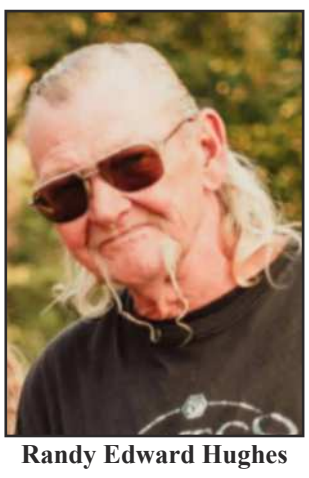
Randy Edward Hughes, 65

With his declining health and struggling with the loss of his son Adam Hughes earlier this year, Randy Edward Hughes passed away peacefully at the Wings Home in Allegan on July 2nd, 2025. He was the youngest born to the late Steven and Connie (Janke) Hughes on February 3rd, 1960.

Randy grew up in Allegan and attended Allegan Public Schools. He was the class clown, always had a great sense of humor and joked his way through life keeping himself and everyone on edge in more ways than one.

His first job was at Gordons Baehre Ford and Mercury. Among many other jobs that he enjoyed scattered throughout the years, he always turned to trucking and spent many years as a driver for various companies and loved to tell stories of his travels on the open road. He later drove a school bus for Allegan Public Schools and often spoke about his routes and bus family. Any time spent behind the wheel (whether trucking, bussing or random drives through the "forest" searching for Bigfoot) was where he found great peace and happiness.

He liked life fast, loud and unusual, often pushing the limits. He loved to fish, hunt, search for morels, NHRA, NASCAR and his '73 Dodge Charger as well as many other classic cars. He enjoyed playing pool and playing the lottery in whatever form. He loved watching westerns



Randy Edward Hughes

and even went to his first day of kindergarten in full cowboy gear. He had a couple of special dogs throughout life that meant a lot to him. Later in life "Catfish" preferred his time "off the grid" and out at the lake with his friends building large bonfires.

Also, later in life his greatest joy came from his family, who he has always been proud of. Surviving are his daughter Amy (Brent) Otte, grandchildren Carlyn (Tony) Otte Hammer, Cheyenne and Cambria Otte, Rylee and Wyatt Hughes and great grandson Hayden Otte. Brothers Dan (Kathy) Hughes, Tom (Cheryl) Hughes, and sister Judy (Ken) Walterhouse. Aunts Beverly Predum, Ruth Thornton, Gloria Janke and Uncles James (Cynthia) Hughes and Lee Hughes, nephews, cousins and special friends.

As mentioned, Randy was preceded in death by his son Adam and parents, as well as brothers Gary Zeran and Steven Hughes, a niece and nephew Stephanie Luck and Andy Hughes, many aunts, uncles, cousins, special friends and others like family.

He was loved by many and well-liked by others and his legacy will be carried on in the memories that he left behind. Instead of a traditional service, the family has requested that you join them at Christ Community Church (3370 113th Ave) in Allegan on Saturday August 2nd, 2025, at 11:00 am, with the doors being opened at 10:45 am, and be prepared to share those memories at the Celebration of Life. Randy did not attend church but loved joining his family there when the church hosted the Chili Cook-off, so please come honor him and eat some chili. No need to be fancy (come as you are and how Randy knew you) but respectfully to his family please leave the partying until later! A private interment will take place at Blackman Cemetery in Allegan.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution made to either the Wings Home at 530 Linn Street, Allegan MI 49010, Fresenius Dialysis Center at 730 Airway Drive, Allegan, MI 49010, and/or Christ Community Church at 3370 113th Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010. If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction and/or mental health issues, please seek proper support.

Graysen S. Haaksma, 18

Graysen died unexpectedly on June 27, 2025. He was born November 23, 2006, in Kalamazoo to Jeffrey and Katee (Loveland) Haaksma. Graysen was a 2025 graduate of Plainwell High School where he was an honor student with a 4.0GPA graduating 11th in his class. He enjoyed treasure hunting, antique shops looking for vintage items; he loved Garfield, frogs and his dogs, especially Bruce. Graysen was kind, thoughtful, quiet and appreciative of all, he had a big heart. His love for music found him finding a song for everything. More than anything he loved his family. Surviving are his mother Katee (Neil) Loveland-Misner and his father Jeff Haaksma all of Plainwell; his brother

Graysen S. Haaksma

Ryker (Makenna) Haaksma of Delton; grandparents, David (Phyllis) Loveland and Terri Misner of Allegan, Andy Haaksma of Burlington and Rose Haaksma of Martin; aunts and uncles, Hilery, Mike, Shawn, Jeremy and Neil's siblings, Brian and Shawn and great aunt Bea. He was preceded in death by grandmother, Linda 'Meema' Loveland and grandfather Jim Misner. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 12, 2025, at the Winkel Funeral Home, Otsego, with a time of visitation starting at 11:00 A.M. until the service at 1:00 P.M., with Pastor Todd Wagner officiating. The family requests that you dress in bright colors. Contributions in memory of Graysen may be directed to Gryphon Place. Messages of condolence may be posted at www.WinkelFuneralHome.com.

James H Friel, 86

James H Friel of Martin, Mi passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at his home.

He was born on August 10th 1938 in South Pittsburg, Tennessee, to Raymond and Adeline (Howard) Friel.

On August 10, 1956, he married the love of his life, Sharon Stoughton. They shared 68 years together.

Jim was known for his kindness & strong work ethic, employee of Allied paper mill for 39 years. He had a love of gardening since childhood, enjoyed visiting with friends and family on the back porch, family reunions, and winters in Arizona.

Jim was a dedicated father

James H Friel

to Cam, Cindy, Dawn, & Brenda. A cherished Grandfather to April, Cameron, Kyle, Jessica, Jeffrey, Wesley, Adam, Clinton, and Bernard, and a loving Grampy to 15 great grandchildren.

He is is survived by 3 sisters, Ruby Brest, Nel Swinsick, Diane Deiwert, and 2 brothers, Tom Nesbitt and Ken Nesbitt.

He was preceded in death by his son Cam, sisters Bebe Thomas, Linda Delmoro, and brother Raymond Friel.

Jim's Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Allegan Wings of Hope Hospice or Allegan County 4H club for Young Gardeners.

To send a message of sympathy to the family, sign Jim's online guest book, or to share a favorite memory, please visit: www.Michigan-Cremation.com

July Fourth event brings in 1,365 people for pancakes

They arrived by car and by motorcycle. They arrived by bike, by tandem, by scooter and by foot. They arrived in the back of a wagon pulled by a tractor. No matter how they got to the Graafschap Fire Department station, 4523 60 th St. on Friday, July 4, 2025, they arrived to share in a 57-year-old tradition of community, gratitude and, of course, pancakes. Lots of pancakes.

"Thank you to everyone that came out to support Friends of the Graafschap Fire Department," said Graafschap Fire Department Chief Doug Den-Bleyker referring to the new nonprofit group that is now handling the event.

The breakfast is a way to thank the community for its support of the department. Proceeds are donated to several local and regional charities.

Supporting organizations this year include sponsor Lawrence Towing.Biggby Coffee donated the coffee, Dunes View Kwik Shop donated the milk and juice, Protemp donated the cooler to keep the ingredients fresh, Republic donated the dumpster, Quincy Street Meats donated the sausages, Shoreline Container donated cardboard to keep the floors clean, and West Michigan Uniform made a cash donation to the event.

The event drew 1,365 people, surpassing last year's total of 1,325.

Some of the earliest diners came in Spandex as the griddles fired up about 6:30 a.m. Kaden Matt, John Percivail, Jim Carson and Jim Mahaney fueled up on the flapjacks before they started their bike rides to Glenn, South Haven and beyond.

"It's a tradition," said Jim Carson.

The Bosworth family of Holland was starting a new tradition, attending their first pancake breakfast at the fire station.

Molly Bosworth held Rhys, 5 months old, as Ehrland helped Isla, 2-and-a-half, with their pancakes. They arrived early as the sun rose to secure a parking spot and because the kids were already awake, Molly said.

Vern Geurink drove the tractor that shuttled dozens of people between Graafschap Church, just up the road, and the fire station.

The pancake breakfast started in 1968 as a way for the Graafschap Civic Club to raise money for a ball field. The fire department took over organizing and running the breakfast in 1991.

The Graafschap Fire Department serves all of Laketown Township and part of Fillmore Township.

Members of the Graafschap Fire Department serve pancakes to community members at the annual Graafschap Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on Friday, July 4, 2025, at the fire station, 4523 60 th St. in Laketown Township.

The line stretches down the driveway at the annual Graafschap Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on Friday, July 4, 2025, at the fire station, 4523 60 th St. in Laketown Township.

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Participants enjoy breakfast at the annual Graafschap Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on Friday, July 4, 2025, at the fire station, 4523 60 th St. in Laketown Township.

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

As children, if we lived in an area where there were fireflies (in some places they are called "lightning bugs") dusk was a special time. These insects would begin rising out of the bushes and grasses and we would see them.

This week's question: Do fireflies still delight you?

-Woman at a farm stand on M-89: Looks surprised at first, then smiles, "You ask some strange questions sometimes, but I like this one, so yeah. I hadn't thought about fireflies for years. And they're not extinct yet? I'll have to look for them tonight."

-Another woman, same location: Laughs. "Every year I get out some quart glass jars and screw on lids, and poke holes in them. My kids used to love catching them. Now it's their kids. I make them turn them loose at the end of the evening."

-Man near the Fennville hardware store: "Naw, I haven't seen them for years. I guess they're still around, but I got better things to do than look for more bugs. Like, watching the news."

-Teen age girl near the Fennville grocery store: Looks around and lowers her voice, "Don't you dare use my name, but I still go out to catch them if no one is around. They'd think I was being silly and I don't like being teased. Even my folks would think that and judge me." Big smile. "It's fun. You ought to try it sometime."

-Man near the Allegan County Library: "They're just bugs trying to hook up. It's the males that got the chemicals to light up." Pauses, laughs, and adds, "I guess you could say they're flashers. All of them."

-Woman, same location: "I teach Sunday school, okay? And I told the children that God made fireflies to light up the night and bring joy to the world. And that we should learn the lessons from the fireflies and bring joy and light into the world in his name, okay? Nature teaches us all sorts of good things about God."

-Man near the Huntington Bank: "Back when I was young my family went down to North Carolina. Well, one night we stayed at some little motel out in the sticks, and I was sitting out on the porch about the time the sun went down. All of a sudden, there were fireflies everywhere! I'd never seen more than one or two at a time, but the whole area was full of them. Hadn't thought of that for years. Thanks."

-Older woman, same area: "I made a big mistake telling my grandkids that we were so poor that Ma made us go out and catch lightning bugs so we could have some light in the house. Now, they think they ought to do it. I told them they could do it at home because I didn't want bugs in my place."

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Book review: Mailman

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

"Mailman: My Wild Ride Delivering the Mail in Appalachia and Finally Finding Home"

by Stephen Starring Grant

c.2025, Simon & Schuster

$29.99 • 287 pages

Junk mail, junk mail, advertisement. And two bills.

It's quiet in your mailbox today but who knows what you'll get next time. A package? A check, a card from Great Aunt Mary, it's a surprise every day. And as you'll learn in the new book "Mailman" by Stephen Starring Grant, you have one workforce to thank.

The call came as a shock-not-shock.

After moving his family to Blacksburg, Virginia to raise his kids in his hometown, Stephen Starring Grant landed a plumb job with a challenging commute, no big deal, just a logistics thing. And so it was, at the very beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, that he stood in a nearly-empty airport in North Carolina, phone in hand, suddenly laid off from his job.

With no income and a dwindling savings account, Grant applied for "anything I was even remotely qualified for… and there was never a snowball's chance of me getting any of them." That was discouraging. Then he learned that the United States Postal Service was hiring.

A short wait to be accepted, two weeks of training, and a huge learning curve later, Grant was an official, sworn-in, real-life USPS mail carrier.

It took months for him to feel comfortable.

Your mail is sorted before the carrier gets it, he says, and then the carrier sorts it again, by house number into a large contraption called a "case." Packages go in a "cage." A mail carrier must remember one or multiple routes and there is no cheat-sheet, which can complicate a rural route in mountain country. Furthermore, it's an acrobatic endeavor: in smaller towns around the country, deliveries are often made from a carrier's private vehicle, from a passenger seat, one leg stretched across the cab.

So many times, Grant thought about quitting. He made mistakes. He was frustrated. He was late getting back to the office. And then suddenly one day, "I had become a mailman."

We joke. We poke fun at the USPS, complain and switch to bill-paying online. Still, a walk to the box is pure anticipation. It's a treat to see what's in that mailbox, and inside "Mailman."

And yet, all is not smooth.

Though there are many irrelevant asides and chapters that would be more suitable for another kind of book, "Mailman" is funny, profane, but fun to read. Author Stephen Starring Grant is quick to admit his total befuddlement with his new job, quick to say that he got emotional over it, he easily admits when things got rough and he pokes a lot of fun at himself, which lightens every letter of this story. Part of his problem with the job – and another issue with this book – is the terminology and trying to remember what's what, and where. Grant admits that he struggled with that, and readers will, too.

Still, most readers will laugh out loud, and they'll love knowing more about the USPS and its inner workings. If you want an unusual memoir that opens the doors with a behind-the-curtain peek, find "Mailman." It delivers.

All the books the Bookworm reviews here are available at the sponsor of this column:

Allegan District Library

PUBLIC LIVE ON-SITE AUCTION
80 ACRE FARM with BUILDINGS
(Will be offered in 7 individual tracts or any combination of tracts - utilizing the multi-tract bidding system)
Tuesday, July 29, 2025
Auction starts at 5:30 pm
Located at:
743 25TH St.
Otsego, MI 49078

Real Estate Located at: 743 25th St, Otsego, MI 49078, Trowbridge Township, Allegan County, Otsego Public School district. Known as Allegan county parcel ID 21-013-004-00 containing 80 acres.
Tract #1: 10 acres of farmland & some wooded area with 2 story farmhouse, 2 car garage, timber framed bank barn with stave silo, work shop, other outbuildings, with 601' of frontage on 25th St.
Tract #2: 10 acres of farmland with 601' of frontage on 25th St.
Tract #3: 10 acres of farmland with 50' of frontage on 25th St.
Tract #4: 10 acres of farmland & some wooded area with 50' of frontage on 25th St.
Tract #5: 20 acres of mostly wooded land with 660' of frontage on 25th St.
Tract #6: 10 acres of woods with some frontage on 25th St. and 660' frontage on 108th Ave.
Tract #7: 10 acres of woods with 660' frontage on 108th Ave.
The above 7 tracts to be offered in singular tracts &/or any combination of tracts utilizing the multi tract bidding system.
Real Estate Terms & Conditions: Buyer to pay 10% down as earnest money deposit at the conclusion of the real estate auction. The balance of the purchase price to be paid at time of closing. Keep in mind that your bidding is NOT contingent upon financing or inspections, so be certain that you have arranged for financing or inspections, if you need them, and are capable of paying the balance at closing. This property is being sold subject to trustee approval.
Closing: Approx. 45 days after auction.
Possession: Day of closing on buildings & woods, hay fields after the 2025 hay season.
Taxes: To be prorated to date of closing.
Open House Date: Monday, July 7 from 4:00-5:00 pm
Auctioneer's Note: Lewis & Lambright, Inc., Redwood Realty, the auction company, & the auctioneer are agents of the sellers. Statements made by lead auctioneer during auction take precedence over printed matter. Check the ad on Auctionzip for more pictures of the property.
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NOTICE

The City of Fennville Election Commission will hold a Public Accuracy Test of the Voting Tabulators on July 30 at 12:00pm

As well, you can register to vote at Fennville City Hall from 8:00am-4:30pm M-F, Saturday August 2nd from 8:00am-4:30pm, and until 8pm on Election Day.

Petition Forms are available to pick up to run for both City Commission and Charter Revision Commission at Fennville City Hall. Petitions and Affidavits of Identity are due by July 22nd at 4pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Allegan City Board of Review will meet on:
Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM
(Council Chambers)

The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors and hear poverty exemption petitions.

NO VALUATION APPEALS WILL BE HEARD.

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Watch for "Auction Today" signs

SUV • CARS • ANTIQUE CARS • CAR PARTS

2002 Chevy Tahoe, 130,000 miles, 4x4 Automatic (serviced locally); 1968 Cadillac Eldorado, 138,000 miles, (ran when parked 35 years ago); 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado, 123,000 miles (ran when parked 35 years ago); 1979 MGB convertible (runs), w/title, 68,927 miles; MGB GT car for parts; 1922 Model T Ford Touring w/top bows (no canvas); 1920s Model T Martin Perry truck frame w/parts (wheels, steering wheel, roof & body parts); Packard car (for parts); 1950s MGA Coupe for parts/restoration w/2 sets of rims; Model T car parts - wheels, axles, 26-27 T fenders, model T engines; '48-'54 Jaguar hood

TRACTOR • SHOP TOOLS • LAWN & GARDEN

Simplicity 25hp Legacy series lawn tractor w/48" cut, 48" loader, rear weight box & extra set of turf tires; 6'6" x 12' single axle trailer w/rear ramp; 8KW Generac LP house generator Guardian series; Powerhouse 4000W generator; Delta radial arm saw; 150 psi air compressor; 8" table saw; wood lathe; metal lathe; scroll saw; 1-bottom Brinley plow; garden trailer; 20" push mower; lawn sweeper; lawn roller; seeder; wheelbarrow; 16' & 28' ext. ladders; step ladders; folding ladder; camping chairs; fire pit; child's scooter; red wagon; bikes; snow fence; hunting ladders & stands; spotlight; toolboxes; car ramps; 14' steel boat; canoe; 36" garden drag; 48" garden disk; T-posts; 2-wheeled hand cart; wooden cabinet w/drawers; rough-sawn oak, ask, & cherry lumber; Catch'em alive traps; vise; cords; rope; block & tackle; soldering gun; staple gun; glue gun; grease gun; miter box; pipe clamps; C-clamps; hand saws; levels; shovels; rakes; hoes; brooms; post hole digger; axe; sledge; roof scraper; pruning pole saw; folding metal saw horses; ladder jacks; lots of nails; bolts; screws; fishing gear/poles

FURNITURE • HOUSEHOLD GOODS • GLASSWARE

Queen box spring & mattress set; free-standing wardrobe; wood single bed frame; dining table & 6 chairs w/extra leaves; hutch; curio cabinet; coffee table; 2- & 4-drawer filing cabinets; Singer knitting machine; patio chairs & furniture; side chairs; office desk; fold-out couch; 3 stack bookcase; hutch top; plant stands; mid-century iron chair & end table; record player console with records; weighted sterling; Coke tins; picnic basket; Glassware - Carnival, German crystal; tea cup sets; covered compote; tea set; carving boards; wine goblets; sherbets; candy dishes; dinnerware sets; snack sets; punch bowl set; mixer; measuring cups; bakeware; Pampered Chef apple peeler/corer; salt shaker collection; German shot glasses; candles & holders; Lots of sewing & craft items - beads, buttons, ribbons, material, sewing storage boxes, craft magazines & books; toys; Carom board, games, puzzles & lots more

ANTIQUES • MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS • TOYS • COLLECTIBLE ITEMS

Ice cream table & 4 chairs; Grand Opera hand-crank record player; Sturgis High School Marching Band uniform; sleds; ice skates; lots of old records; wood radio; metal watering can; (2) bubblegum machines; ladies hat; lanterns; milk can; wooden bowls; H gauge railroad track; horse-drawn bob sled; apple peeler; pipe rests; reel-to-reel projector; canning jars w/glass lids; brass horn; trombone; (2) brass tubas; French horn; (2) clarinets; box of drumsticks; Lots of toys - Ertl, Tonka, Happy Rancher, Nylint, Structo; Buddy L - trucks, semis, garbage truck, Jeep, fire truck, searchlight truck, dump trucks, trailers; red hay elevator; Greyhound bus; Indian Winnebago; (2) GMC Barbie motor homes; stock truck & trailer; (12) model cars; crocks; jugs; wooden barrel

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NOTICE

OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE AUGUST 5, 2025, SPECIAL ELECTION
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN

To the qualified electors of the following jurisdicons: Ganges Township, Casco Township, Lee Township, and Clyde Township;

Noce is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used by all Elecon Day Precincts and Counng Boards for the August 5, 2025, Special Elecon has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Ganges Township Hall, located at 1904 64th Street, Fennville, MI 49408.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the elecon meets the requirements of Michigan elecon law.

Robin Phelps, Ganges Township Clerk
Rachel Ridley, Casco Township Clerk
Kathy Blackburn, Lee Township Clerk
Pan Onken, Clyde Township Clerk

Plainwell football program set to host golf outing

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The annual Plainwell Football Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 9, at Lake Doster Golf Club.

According to Plainwell varsity head coach Brian Huberty, proceeds from this year's golf outing will be put to good use.

"We're raising money for a few specific items this year," said Huberty, who's entering his third season at the helm of the Plainwell football program. "For starters, we're purchasing eight new agile pads and two large crash pads.

"But our biggest goal is to replace our end-zone camera. The one we currently use is a first-generation model that's over a decade old and showing its age, so it's definitely time for an upgrade."

Registration for the golf outing is currently underway, with a cost of $100 per person or $400 per four-person team. Participants must be 18 or older.

The event includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, a hot dog at the turn and lunch at the conclusion of the round.

"We'll also have games and contests throughout the morning, along with raffle prizes during lunch," Huberty said. "My committee is finalizing the door prizes now, and we're excited about what we have in the works."

The day will begin with registration at 7:15 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Lunch is planned between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

Sponsorships are also available.

For $100, hole sponsors will receive a small sign on the course. An event sponsorship is $250, with sponsors receiving a large sign on the course.

"Fundraising is an essential part of maintaining a strong and competitive athletic program," Huberty said. "What I really appreciate about our golf outing is that it's more than just a fundraiser—it's a chance to reconnect.

"We see alumni travel from all over the state—and even from out of state—to come back and support the program. It's an amazing way to celebrate our community and its history. And of course, we're grateful for the local community members who show up every year and do everything they can to support our team. Seeing them out on the course is always one of my favorite parts of the day."

Seniors on the football team will be working the event, which Huberty said allows them the opportunity to be the face of the program.

"(The seniors) get to meet former players, hear their stories and build a deeper appreciation for the legacy they're stepping into," he said.

For questions or sponsorship information, contact Huberty at brian.huberty@plainwellschools.org.

Council congratulates Bryan Pond at meeting

By John Raffel
Correspond

Plainwell Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Nieuwenhuis congratulated Bryan Pond at a recent Plainwell City meeting, saying it had been nice working with Pond.

Pond said the last 30 years working at Plainwell have been great. He appreciated working with a Council and staff that were supportive of building and maintaining a water renewal plant and everything needed to operate it successfully.

He said he is looking forward to retirement and moving up north. Others at the meeting also shared their best wishes to Pond in his retirement.

Plainwell Department of Public Safety Director Kevin Callahan said the Color Your World 5k event hosted by Ransom Library was a success, with 300 people attending. He also reminded everyone to lock their cars doors, while pointing out that there had been a car stolen from Plainwell and recovered in Kalamazoo.

City Manager Justin Lakamper gave an update on Building No. 2, stating that the insurance company wants to assess the roof before providing further information. He also stated that Plainwell is actively seeking a Finance Director/Treasurer as well as a Downtown Development Manager.

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Press Box Perspective

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Rest well, Gavin

It's the kind of phone call you never want to receive.

My family and I had just left church on Sunday, July 6, and were heading to a playground so my youngest daughter could play with her cousins. When my phone rang, my brother's name popped up on the call ID.

"Hello."

"Have you heard?" he asked.

I could hear something in his voice, something off.

"Heard what?"

"Gavin died."

I could literally feel my heart sink in my chest as my mind struggled to comprehend what he'd just said. How could Gavin be gone? I had just seen him a few weeks ago. He was only 42.

I'd known Gavin Snyder for more than 30 years, dating back to when he was an 11-year-old participant at a baseball camp where I was serving as a coach the summer after graduating from high school.

In the years that followed, he became one of my best friends and we shared many good times playing with and against each other in a men's baseball league. That wasn't surprising--Gavin was the kind of person who became friends with pretty much everyone. He was the walking embodiment of the phrase "there are no strangers, just friends I haven't met yet."

He truly was one of the kindest souls I've ever known--always willing to do whatever he could to help someone else.

Gavin had many passions, including music and his relationship with God. But he loved nothing more than sports and working with children, making coaching the perfect role for him. I won't refer to it as a job, because Gavin never looked at coaching as a job. It was his calling, the reason he had been put on this earth.

Gavin coached all kinds of sports, including football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling and soccer. And he loved every second of it. But if you knew Gavin, you knew baseball was his true passion.

I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to coach some travel baseball alongside Gavin and my brother. It was a team that my sons and nephew played on, and Gavin was so excited to share his love and knowledge of the sport.

This was something he didn't have to do. He didn't have a kid on the team. And we sure as heck didn't have any money to pay him, as we ran the team on a shoestring budget. But he was there for five years, showing up for winter practices and spending almost every weekend in the summer at another tournament.

Man, I miss those days.

One of my favorite memories from that time is when Gavin would talk to the boys on the team about his playing days in high school. I swear his batting average got higher each time he told them what it was. (Even though it's impossible, I always figured his average would eventually top 1.000)

As I write these words, it's been two days since I heard of Gavin's passing. And I still can't wrap my head around it.

But I know I'll see him again someday, and we'll have another game of catch.

Until then, brother, rest well--and keep rooting for our Tigers.

Saugatuck names Lewis head volleyball coach

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Christina Lewis is hoping to bring some stability to the Saugatuck volleyball program.

Lewis, who has 23 years of experience coaching at the sub-varsity level at Saugatuck, was recently named varsity head coach for the Trailblazers.

This marks a return to coaching for Lewis following a two-year hiatus so she could watch her son Cam participate in his fall sports.

Cam Lewis, a member of the Saugatuck High School class of 2025, was a dual-sport standout, starring on the soccer team and as the kicker for the football team.

"After 23 years of coaching at Saugatuck High School, I retired two season ago because I really wanted to focus on Cam's sports," Lewis said. "He graduated this spring and is heading off to K College, so when the opportunity presented itself (to take over as varsity volleyball coach), it felt like a good time to jump back in."

Lewis inherits a program that has been somewhat in flux when it comes to its coaching situation since longtime coach Sherri Austin retired as coach following the 2020 season.

Ross Such took over for Austin and was with the team for the 2021 season and began the 2022 campaign before having to step away due to health reasons.

That brought Austin back to the sidelines, as she finished out the 2022 season and returned for 2023.

Last season, twin sisters and former Saugatuck standouts Natalie and Morgan Beckman took the reins of the program as co-coaches as they completed their student teaching in the district.

"I'm looking at this season as a great opportunity to rebuild and grow together," Lewis said. "We're fortunate to have some strong upperclassmen returning, and we also have a young group with a lot of potential.

"My hope is to help each player find the role that suits her best while building a team culture centered on working together toward a shared goal."

Natalie Beckman will remain with the team as an assistant coach.

"I had the pleasure of teaching and coaching Natalie—and Morgan—Beckman throughout her high school years at Saugatuck," Lewis said. "So I'm really looking forward to working alongside her as my assistant coach."

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Christina Lewis is seen with her son Cam, who was a member of the boys soccer and football teams at Saugatuck. (Photo provided)

Goddard takes reins of Martin varsity volleyball

Shannon Goddard is taking over as varsity volleyball coach at Martin. (Photo provided)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Shannon Goddard and her family are deeply entrenched in the Martin community.

Just how entrenched, you ask?

Consider this: she's a fourth-generation Martin High School graduate, making her children—Demetrius (class of 2020), Makala (class of 2024) and Kendra (class of 2026)—fifth-generation MHS grads.

Goddard's commitment to the Martin community can be seen by the fact that she has been involved as a coach in the high school and middle school volleyball program for the past 13 years.

And now she is taking over the role as head varsity coach.

"I've been a part of this program for a long time," Goddard said. "I've had two daughters come through Martin athletics. I've seen the importance of great leadership and what it can do for athletes and young woman.

"Makala plays volleyball at Kalamazoo college now and Kendra will be a senior this year. The open position fell into place at a good time for me. I thought I would be winding down, but this opportunity has lit a new and brighter fire for coaching.

"I love volleyball, these athletes and this community. I'm at a point in my coaching career that I think is best fit for varsity. I've learned a lot over the years. I feel like now is when I can best help the athletes with the sport and with their personal growth."

Goddard inherits the team from Logan Malling, who guided the Clippers to several successful seasons during her tenure with the program and leaves the program in good shape.

Goddard hopes to continue those winning ways.

"I want our program to stay competitive throughout the season," she said. "We've been competitive the last five years in the SAC Conference and the postseason. We are focused on building the entire program more."

That includes making the sport available to Martin students at a younger age.

"We are bringing back our little spikers program for third-through-sixth graders," Goddard said. "Getting the girls to buy into volleyball at an early age will be important to our continued success at the high school level."

Goddard, a 1999 Martin High School graduate, was part of the first volleyball team in school history to win a district championship.

She began her coaching career with the Clippers in 2013, when she helped out with the seventh-grade team. She later coached at the JV level for 10 years before coaching the eighth-grade squad a year ago.

She has also coached at Next Level Performance.

That amount of coaching experience at various levels has helped Goddard develop her coaching style.

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Top Senior Student-Athletes: Hopkins

Zac Wierenga

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

For recent Hopkins High School graduate Zac Wierenga, there was nothing like playing under the Friday night lights.

"Football was my favorite sport, for sure," said Wierenga, who was part of the Hopkins football program all four years of his high school career. "It taught me so much about everything in life from grit, patience, fighting and determination.

"I know I'm going to carry that with me into me being a great husband, dad, worker and just person for my future."

Wierenga, a running back and defensive back, helped the Vikings rebound from a 2-7 season his junior year to 6-4 last year, with Hopkins returning to the postseason.

And thanks to Wierenga's hard work on the gridiron—in addition to being a four-year member of the wrestling team and a two-year member of the boys track & field team—he was named Hopkins High School Male Athlete of the Year.

"I loved playing sports at Hopkins," Wierenga said. "Our community is so great. To me, there's nothing like playing sports at Hopkins. The town is so amazing and always supports its athletes.

"There will be other schools with thousands upon thousands of people in their town and Hopkins, our little, small town, would be more packed out than any of those huge schools. Our town loves sports and there was nothing better than to get a huge win in front of them."

Wierenga's involvement in sports began at a young age, as he started playing football at five or six years old.

He was hooked right away.

"I loved just getting involved with new friends and new teammates and learning the sports as best I can

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Zac Wierenga is seen running the ball for the Hopkins football team last season. Wierenga helped the Vikings qualify for the playoffs as a senior. (Photo provided)

Ava VanderVeen

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Ava VanderVeen feels fortunate to have attended Hopkins High School and to have competed in athletics for the Vikings.

"Growing up in and playing sports at Hopkins has been great," said VanderVeen, a member of the Hopkins class of 2025. "Everyone is very supportive and always there if you need anything.

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Ava VanderVeen

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"I'm particularly grateful to have a community that is willing to rally around women's sports. I know not every female athlete is supported in the same way we are at Hopkins, and I didn't take that for granted."

During her time at Hopkins High School, VanderVeen gave the community plenty to cheer about, as she played basketball and volleyball for four years each and was a member of the track & field team for three years.

For her accomplishments in those sports, VanderVeen was voted Hopkins High School Female Athlete of the Year.

"It meant a lot," VanderVeen said of receiving that award.

And while she enjoyed all three of the sports in which she participated in high school, the hardwood was her first love.

"Basketball has always been my favorite sport," said VanderVeen, who was also part of the Wellness Club and National Honor Society at Hopkins. "I love it because it combines all of the things I love about the other sports.

"Basketball combines the speed and agility that track requires and the communication that volleyball requires. I feel like it encompasses everything I love about sports."

Having good coaches also helped fuel VanderVeen's love of basketball. Tim Hibma and Nathaniel DeJong—or Coach Scoob, as VanderVeen called him—were two of those coaches.

"Tim has always been there for me ever since I was little," VanderVeen said. "His daughter and I grew up playing basketball for him. He is the reason I fell in love with basketball. While playing for Tim, he pushed me to be the best I could be and never let me put my head down or get upset when I failed.

"Coach Scoob is who made basketball fun for me. He also never let me get down on myself and would always tell me to keep going and driving to the basket.

"Without Coach Scoob and Coach Hibma, I don't know where I'd be with basketball today."

VanderVeen started playing sports when she was eight years old. She said sports "allowed me to be myself" and provided a way to make new friends.

She also appreciates the lessons athletics has taught her, such as problem solving, teamwork and adaptability.

In terms of her favorite memories from her playing days at Hopkins High School, VanderVeen listed the Pink Out volleyball games Hopkins played against Allegan each year. The match was used to raise money for cancer research.

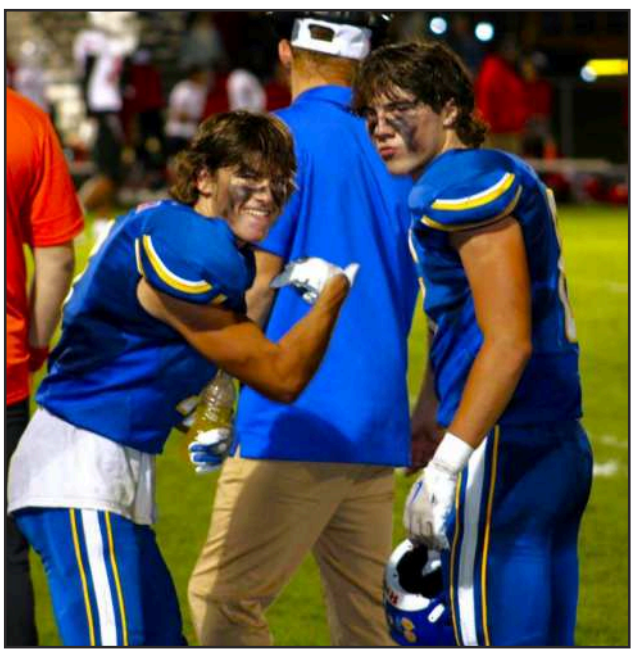
She also enjoyed winning the OK Silver championship in volleyball as a sophomore.

"My favorite memory from basketball is making Biggby runs with the team before games and winning conference my sophomore year," she said. "And my favorite memory from track is winning conference my junior and senior year and town runs with the mid-distance team."

VanderVeen plans to continue her athletic career at the University of Olivet, where she will be a member of the women's basketball team. She plans to study exercise science, with a goal of being able to remain involved in the world of athletics.

"My hope is to become an athletic trainer or physical therapist one day," she said.

Ava VanderVeen prepares for the start of play during a basketball game last season. (Photo provided)



Zac Wierenga has fun on the sidelines. (Photo provided)

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throughout the years," Wierenga said. "I loved sports. They were everything to me."

As much as Wierenga enjoying winning, sports was about much more than the wins and losses, he said. Rather, it was about pushing yourself to be the best you could be, with a goal of getting a little bit better each day.

"Sports taught me the importance of giving the best you can in everything you do," he said. "To give a full effort, no matter how you feel.

"Because if you show that you want it and give everything you've every day, you will get noticed. That goes with everything in life. Doing something every day that makes you even a little better will lead to a lot of success."

According to Wierenga, all of the coaches he had at Hopkins helped teach him that lesson.

"Fortunately for me, I had coaches around me that helped me in every aspect that I needed," he said. "So, all of my coaches helped me become who I am today."

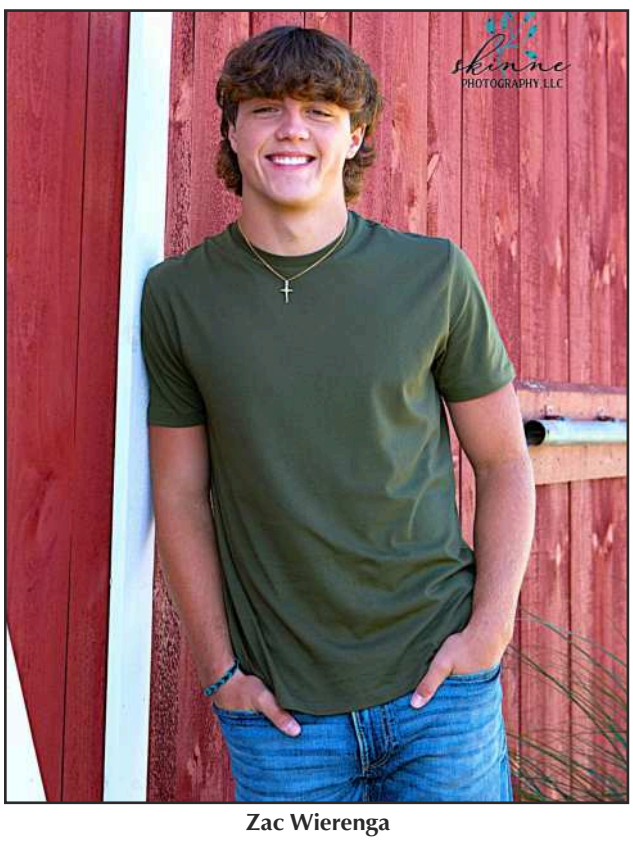
And while his high school athletic career is now over, Wierenga said the memories he made at Hopkins will never be forgotten. In particular, his senior season of football will always brings a smile to his face.

"We were coming off that 2-7 season as juniors, so me and all of the seniors put in so much work for the entire summer leading up to our senior season," he said. "We put in the work and made it to playoffs.

"Yes, we lost our last three games, but at a point we were rolling on a 6-1 record and just wanted to play the next team and we made it to the playoffs. So senior year football was my best memory of high school sports."

Wierenga plans to use the lessons he learned in sports as he pursues a career as an electrician.

"I'm working at Circuit Electric now," he said. "I've been working there for about a year, and I love it. I hope to continue my career in electrical to someday hopefully have my journeyman's card and maybe even have my own business."



Zac Wierenga

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Lewis couldn't say enough about the job the Beckman sisters did last year in terms of keeping the program moving in a positive direction.

"The Beckmans did a great job continuing the program last year," she said. "I'm excited to build on the foundation they laid as they both focus on establishing themselves in their teaching careers."

Lewis began her coaching career at Saugatuck in 2000, when she served as head coach of the freshmen team.

She eventually moved up to the JV squad when Austin took over as head coach at the varsity level.

Lewis cherishes the years she spent coaching with Austin.

"I've mainly been at the JV level, mostly because Sherri and I were such a great team," Lewis said. "With Sherri officially retired and the job open at the right time, it just made sense to move into the varsity role. After being away from coaching these past two years, I'm really looking forward to getting back in the gym."

Establishing cohesiveness among team members will be a primary focus for Lewis this season.

"My coaching style centers on creating a climate of working together—athletes supporting one another in growing, learning, and improving every day," she said. "I believe in moving and working as a unified team to accomplish our goals, both on and off the court.

"Saugatuck volleyball has always been big on family, and I intend to build on that already established mindset."

Lewis hopes the community will come out and support the team this fall.

"I'm hoping fans will see a high-energy, unified team working together for the win," she said. "I have always told my teams that the loudest team wins, meaning lots of communication and encouragement both on the court and coming from the sidelines. Hopefully fans will feel the energy."

Christina Lewis

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"I have high expectations of my athletes," she said. "I love pushing athletes and seeing them grow farther than they thought they could.

"I believe each athlete's mental, physical and emotional well-being are just as important as their athletic performance. Coaching is so much more than wins and losses."

And with the start of the 2025 volleyball season drawing ever closer, Goddard hopes the Martin community will come out and support the team.

"Fans can expect an exciting and fun environment," she said. "They can expect these girls to give it their all every night. They will also get to see the girls building each other up."

As of now, Martin volleyball is scheduled to open its season on Aug. 26 on the road against Tri-Unity Christian. The first home match is currently scheduled for Sept. 9 against Allegan.

Michigan Works! Talent Funds improve workforce skills

By Gari Voss

West MichiganWorks! has been busy reviewing applications and awarding funds to West Michigan businesses that seek to improve their workforce through on-the-job and classroom training programs. The Going PRO Talent Fund announced 2025 Cycle 2 recipients while the Going PRO Talent Fund Employer-Led Collaborative (ELC) award will support collaborative teams comprised of at least two employers, training providers, and other partners that share similar workforce challenges.

The Cycle 2 of Michigan Going PRO workforce awards for 2025 will be supporting 49 businesses in Barry, Ionia, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon, Ottawa and other counties. The training support will benefit 1,255 new hires, 301 apprentices, and 411 incumbent workers. The industries affected will be 11 in construction, 13 in healthcare, 24 in manufacturing, and 1 in "other".

Cycle 2 had no Allegan County applications, but that does not mean Allegan County has not benefitted from this program. 2025 Cycle 1 awardees included 175 awardees with 14 in Allegan County, 2 in Barry, 2 in Ionia, 68 in Kent, 3 in Montcalm, 13 in Muskegon, 41 in Ottawa, and 32 in other counties. That translated to 7 in agribusiness, 39 in construction (mobility, energy, and infrastructure), 33 in healthcare, 8 in IT, 85 in manufacturing, and 3 in "other".

What do the Going PRO funds accomplish? In the words of Jacob Maas, chief executive officer, West Michigan Works!, "The Going PRO Talent Fund is a crucial resource for West Michigan employers who are committed to upskilling their workforce and staying competitive in a rapidly evolving economy. These investments help businesses meet immediate talent needs and strengthen our region's long-term economic resilience by creating opportunities for individuals to grow in high-demand careers."

Businesses are encouraged to conduct a self-assessment of their employees' needs that include training for permanent employees and the desire to expand their workforce with skilled new employees. Working with West MI Works! Business Solutions team members, a business can be guided through the application process. (The next application date will be for the funding year (FY) 2026, Cycle 1 awards.)

Once an award is received the business ensures that the training will fulfill a need experienced by the employer, be short-term, and lead to a credential for a skill that is transferable and recognized by the industry. This can be accomplished by classroom or customized training, new employee on-the-job training, or training for U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Registered Apprentices.

Employers are compensated up to $2,000 per person or $3,500 per USDOL apprenticeship. There may be additional compensation for employees with disabilities, veterans, or older employees.

The key is that employers must be able to define the training needs then work with Michigan Works Agencies (MWA) and other partners to develop an appropriate, realistic training plan that includes the employer's roles and responsibilities. In addition, the business must provide cash or in-kind contributions to support the training program and use Pure Michigan Talent Connect (MiTalent.org) and Michigan Works! to recruit for job openings.

Adam Russo shared, "Koops, Inc., Perrigo, Parker Hannifin, and Trans-Matic Manufacturing were awarded Going Pro Talent Fund awards in 2025 Cycle 1."

These funds were extremely valuable. "Training and development were provided through these resources that have equipped our team members with information and skills that they can use in their daily roles," reported Tricia Zondervan, the Senior HR Business Partner with Trans-matic. "This sets them up for future career growth. These grant dollars also gave additional team members the ability to attend classes and training that would not have been available due to the expense to the company. We do plan to apply for Going PRO funds in the future if they are available and we are eligible."

In addition to the Going PRO Talent Fund, the Michigan Department of Labor offers Going PRO Employer-Led Collaboratives (ECLs) that bring together a minimum of two employers, education and training institutions, workforce development organizations, and other applicable partners. The collaborative develops training and education solutions to fill identified talent gaps that can solve common or shared workforce problems.

Unlike the Going PRO Talent Funds, the Collaborative Fund applications are accepted and approved only until the Going Pro set aside funds are exhausted.

The value in these funds is that the collaborative articulates the shared issues and agrees on a solution that includes formal, organized classroom training and expected outcomes. The classroom training may be substituted with on the job training if it is a USDOL Registered Apprenticeship program.

Thus far in FY2025, $73,860 has been awarded to nonprofits through the Going PRO Talent Fund's Employer-Led Collaborative. The SOURCE is working with Kent School Services Network, Family Promise of West Michigan, and Heart of West Michigan United Way to support leadership and professional development for their staff members.

The four nonprofits serve Kent County and surrounding areas and share aligned missions to support underserved and economically disadvantaged individuals and families. The nonprofits struggle with workforce challenges that include reduced federal funding, economic uncertainty, high turnover, and dependence on philanthropic donations. Thus, the collaborative will receive funds for classroom training from Human Solutions and Frontline Training Solutions.

"Challenges like tightening budgets and increasing service demands are becoming more prevalent across the nonprofit sector," said Angie Barksdale, COO, West Michigan Works!. "Collaborative training empowers organizations to build internal capacity, support staff development, and ultimately enhance the services they deliver to the community."

This is the time for businesses or groups of businesses and training centers to begin working with a West Mi Works! representative to determine eligibility for training funds for FY2026. For additional information go to https://www.westmiworks.org/employers/going-pro-talent-fund/ and call (269) 686-5079.

Hot n Now to build in Wayland Twp

Hot 'n Now is officially returning to West Michigan this summer.

Gun Lake Investments, alongside business owner and developer Jeff Konczak, announced Tuesday that the once-popular fast food chain is making a comeback this summer with a new location across from the Gun Lake Casino at 1146 129th Ave. near US-131 in Wayland Township.

On the Hot 'n Now menu will be items like the olive burger and cheesy taters, alongside "wallet-friendly prices."

"The Hot 'n Now brand has a multi-decade history of providing value to families, so we intend to honor that history in this next chapter with our hyper-value focused pricing," GLI CEO Monica King said in the release.

Konczak's company, B Cubed Manufacturing, is assembling the drive-thru buildings with a "plug

The once-popular Hot 'n Now first got its start in 1984 in Kalamazoo. It saw success with locations across the country until the 1990s. After changing ownership several times, it filed for bankruptcy in 2004.

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Letters to the Editor

Four Days of Political Headlines

Dear Editor:

The Pentagon through orders of the present Trump Administration banned the following normal celebrations:

1. Black history month
2. Juneteenth
3. Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month
4. National American Indian Heritage Month
5. LGBTQ Pride Month
6. Women's History Month
7. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
8. Holocaust Remembrance Day

It did not stop the country from celebrating these events, but the Pentagon did not honor them.

A couple disturbing things that belittles national leadership. President Trump used the F-bomb while addressing reporters. Is this Presidential? Vice-President JD Vance flipping the middle finger at a crowd instead of answering a normal question. He did not answer the question.

June 30th News Headlines

1. Trump melts down over CNN's Abby Phillips. Phillips answered politely about Trump's rage with six words after Trump trashed Phillips saying the audiences have left CNN--they are all LOSERS. "Thank you for watching Mr. President" He would not answer a direct question on Tariffs.
2. Trump called Zohran Mamdani a "communist" after his successful campaign running for New York City mayor. Trump criticized him because he is citing income inequality across America.
3. Trump said "The reason we do coal is because I can call it clean, beautiful coal that everybody wants". I do not want windmills, they destroy the environment. Renewable energy is for suckers and quoted the wind is bull_ _ _ _.
4. Under Trump's urging the DHS dropped another counterterrorism program. What does the administration want more terrorism in the country.
5. Encouraged AG Bondi to merge the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) and the DEA.
6. Trump to cut hurricane forecasters out of key satellite data. I guess hurricanes are not a problem.
7. Trump's comments on Japan, come make your cars in the U.S. and get a very low tax rate, however, the vast majority of Japanese cars sold in the U.S. are built in the U.S. so the threat of a 25% tariff is meaningless. Also he referred to the Prime Minister as Mr. Japan showing a derogatory tone, It was obvious that Mr. Trump talks nonsense to sound powerful, but actually shows his immense weakness.
8. Trump claimed obliteration of Iran's ability to produce nuclear weapons. Rafaei Grossi, head of the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog, disputed that claim. Grossi's said there was some major damage, but Iran could have in a matter of months centrifuges spinning and producing enriched uranium. Rafaei Grossi has no reason to fabricate information that is not true. Again ego getting in the way of truthfulness.

June 1st News Headlines

1. USAID cuts causing staggering numbers of avoidable deaths.
2. Trump's new bill would turn the U.S. into "A Police State"
3. Trump's new attack on Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell. Used a Sharpie Scrawl--Signs of Broken Brains. Do not adapt to this insanity.
4. Trump and Musk trade late night threats against each other. Do you like this out of a Commander-In- Chief?
5. Trump's DOJ prioritizing denaturalization efforts of NYC mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani and others. Trump says the Supreme Court gives him that power. Trump already has labeled any critic as the "enemy within", has framed peaceful demonstrators as accomplices to terrorism and has declared his ambition to deport American citizens to foreign prisons.
6. Trump told the White House Faith Office to forget about the separation of church and state.
7. Mike Johnson in a speech is quoted saying government needs to be ruled by Christian theology only.

June 2nd News Headlines

1. Trump and Republicans cheering legislation that takes $930 billion from Medicaid. This will particularly hurt children in foster care.
2. Non-partisan study showed price increases, layoffs, hiring freezes, and lower profit margins as a result of Tariff increases. This analysis was done by JP Morgan Chase Institute. The following companies are not investing as a result of Trump's Tariffs: Amazon, Costco, Walmart, and Williams-Sonoma. When Trump was asked about this matter he responded "everything is going well" without answering the question.
3. Trump Administration withholds weapons promised to Ukraine as Russian forces gain more territory. What country does the U.S. support?
4. Trump urges more states to open ICE detention sites similar to Florida's "Alligator Alcatraz" In other words concentration camps.
5 Looking into the legality of deporting Elon Musk because he does not support the so called "Big Beautiful Bill". This is the same person Trump put in charge of U.S. finances and U.S. policies.

June 3rd News Headlines

1. The so called "Big Beautiful Bill" provides a $2 billion tax break for gun silencers, but cut SNAP benefits (averages $2 per person per meal).
2. Sen. Lisa Murkowski voted yes after a carve out exception for her state. If the bill is so good a carve out would not be needed. Sen. Murkowski thumbed her nose to the rest of the country. What a selfish stance. Her carve illustrated how terrible and weak the bill represents. Most of the carve out is a delay of two years, and her state will still be hurt by the bill.
3. Taxes for people making less than $50,000 will see an increase, and Elon Musk and people close to his wealth will see a huge tax break. Sickening!
4. Trump made a sadistic joke about alligators eating immigrants. Are you still proud of the Commander-In-Chief?
5. GOP Rep. Norman claims Medicaid cuts in Trump's bill is righting a wrong. Rep. Norman does not believe poor people deserve health care. My hope is Rep. Norman gets voted out of office.

Post Script

Three Senate Republicans voted against the bill by voting their conscience (Rand Paul, Thom Tillis, and Susan Collins).

The 4th of July greeting from President Trump quote "I hate all Democrats" We no longer have a President of the United States. What we have is a President of those who like me or pretend they like me. It was the most unpatriotic address I can remember, and brought shame to our country.

Mark Austin
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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

July 10, 1950

Parking meters 'paying off': City employees have sorted out some $15,765.11 from assorted chewing gum, slugs, buttons, keys, paper and other oddments found in the coin boxes of Allegan's business district parking meters during the first year of operation.

Deputy Treasurer Robert Hoyt last week added up the first year's take and reported that it was a little better than expected. About $4,000 is unpaid on the $11,718 cost of the meters. Maintenance and installation has so far amounted to $1,200 and a county and coin-sorting machine came to $500.

A balance of $6,753 in the fund is specially earmarked for construction of off-the-street parking facilities along the river in the back of Hubbard Street. The area has been surveyed and City Manager Beauvais is roughing out plans for the project.

July 10, 1975

Vander Jagt says Allegan turnout 'fairly typical': Ninth District Congressman Guy Vander Jagt (R-Luther) paid a non-election-year visit to Allegan County Monday, but the turnout, aside from a luncheon at Ot-Well-Egan County Club, was something less than enthusiastic.

Three persons showed up at the County Building in Allegan for Vander Jagt's scheduled appearance at 1 p.m., in what Vander Jagt said was a "fairly typical" showing.

The veteran congressman said the results are usually the same when he sends his field representative, Jim Gibson, on bi-monthly tours of the counties he represents, but he said they "keep trying" to make themselves available to their constituents.

One local resident who did show up asked Vander Jagt if he could explain discrepancies in her Railroad Retirement and Social Security payments; another person asked about aviation rights over his property; while a third, a government employee, discussed funding for his department.

Ninth District Republican Congressman Guy Vander Jagt of Luther spoke to a "larger than average" gathering of county political and Republican officials during a "Dutch-treat" lunch at Ot-Well-Egan Country Club near Allegan at noon Monday. Vander Jagt was in the county for a whirlwind, seven-stop visit with constituents.

—News & Gazette photo

July 13, 2000

Harry Potter comes to town!: The craze over J.K. Rowling's adolescent book character Harry Potter reached a pinnacle last weekend with the release of book number four, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," at midnight Saturday, July 7.

Many Allegan County librarians still have holds on the three older books in the series.

"All of our Harry Potter books are out," said Teresa Stannard, director of Ransom District Library in Plainwell. "And we have about five copies of each of the three other titles, and eight copies of the new one."

Stannard ordered five copies originally, but when her order hadn't arrived, she purchased three from the bookstore—just in case.

"Everything is going very smoothly now," she said.

In libraries around the country, the demand is high for everything Harry Potter.

In Otsego, parents are purchasing the books because more than one family member is reading it, said children's librarian Brenda Morris.

"Brothers and sisters and parents are all reading it," she said.

Most libraries in the county confine checkout of the newest books to two weeks, with no renewal if others are waiting. That gives area adolescents some serious incentive to finish the 750-plus pages of book number four.

The artist rendering of changes planned for the Allegan County courthouse show the new, central entrance and the addition of the two-bay sally port for law enforcement at the far left. (Image provided)

July 9, 2020

Bids sought: courthouse entrance, sally port: Work to renovate part of the Allegan County courthouse could begin yet this year.

The county is now in the process of seeking bids on the estimated $1.3 million project which would construct a new, central entrance to the building, add a two-bay sally port for law enforcement to load and unload jail inmates for their court appearances, and renovation of the internal holding cells.

County executive director of operations Steve Sedore said the work meets the goals set out by the county commissioners last summer.

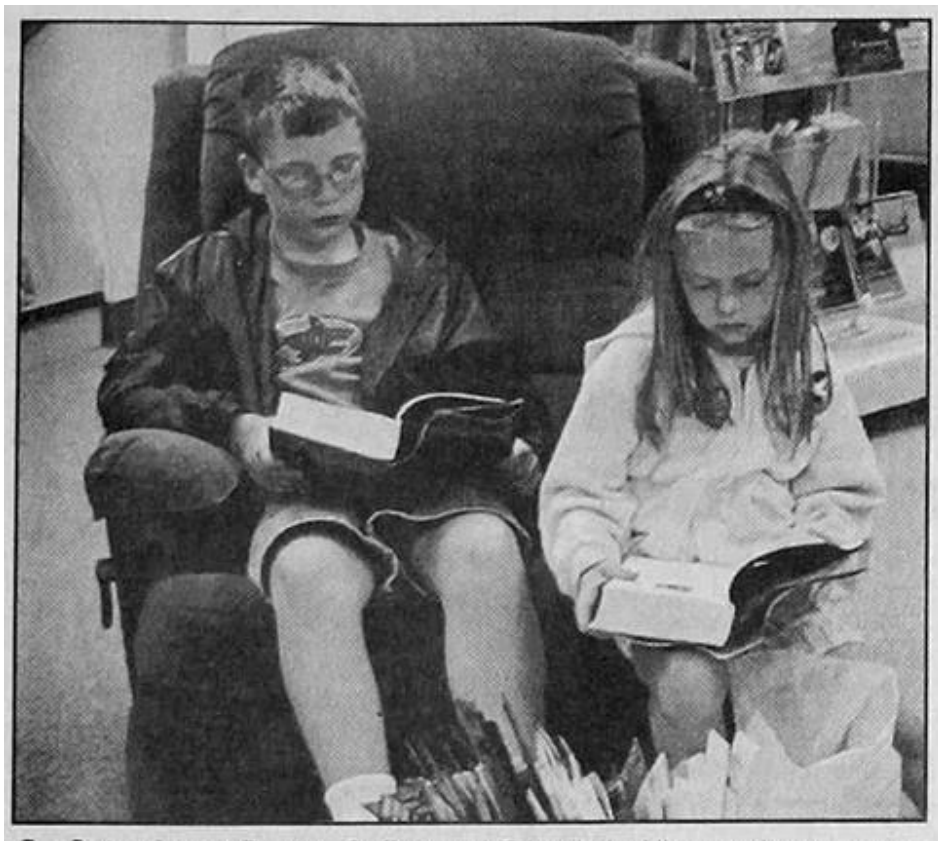
"We've been through lots of discussions with the committee stakeholders, had site visits and looked at all elements of this project," Sedore said.

Commissioner Rick Cain, who also served on the committee shepherding the design phase of the project, said it was ready.

"People have put a lot of work in to this at this point," Cain said. "We'd had a lot of input, and we're ready to go and move forward."

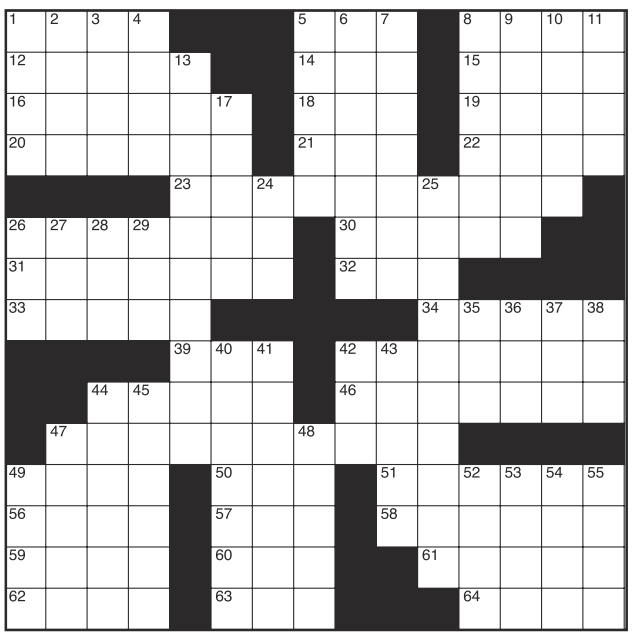
County commissioners voted 6-1 at their June 26 meeting to approve the project's request for proposals. Commissioner Max Thiele dissented.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk



On Saturday at Books, Coffee and Friends in Allegan, these youngsters from Chicago spent the better part of a rainy morning reading the fourth Harry Potter book, "Goblet of Fire," which was released at midnight, July 7. (Photo provided)

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. 50 percent
5. Records electric currents
8. Charlize Theron flick '__ Flux'
12. More frosty
14. Disfigure
15. Sky color
16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
18. Actress de Armas
19. Spend time in a relaxed way
20. California peak
21. Lodging option
22. Small amount of a thing
23. Expresses sorrow
26. Keeps an ear warm
30. Babies (Spanish)
31. A conceited and self-centered person
32. No seats available
33. Pouches
34. Hip joints
39. A place to bathe
42. Evading
44. Minute, one-celled unit
46. Losing one's hair
47. A country in W Africa
49. One point north of northeast
50. Pointed end of a pen
51. Extreme
56. Norse personification of old age
57. Doctors' group
58. Member of U.S. Navy
59. Mens' fashion accessories
60. A way to allow
61. Gloomy
62. Grads wear one
63. Between south and southeast
64. Jaguarundi cat

CLUES DOWN
1. Snakes do it
2. Hormone
3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey
4. Fixed charges
5. Electronic communication
6. Artilleries
7. 'Strangers on a Train' actor Farley
8. Burning
9. Makes ecstatically happy
10. Greek liqueurs
11. Tropical Old World tree
13. Someone who takes vengeance
17. Style of cuisine
24. Select
25. Immunized against disease
26. Old world, new
27. Honorable title (Turkish)
28. Court case: __ v. Wade
29. Supervises interstate commerce
35. Not divisible by two
36. Twelve
37. Commentator Coulter
38. Encourage
40. Plumbing fixtures
41. Early
42. One point north of due east
43. King of Thebes
44. Short-tailed martens
45. Impose a penalty on
47. Consort of Poseidon
48. A way to lessen
49. Brooklyn hoops team
52. Female of a horse
53. Do as one is told
54. A way to prepare meat
55. Unit of measurement

Deaths

June 16, 2025

GERALD L VERBERKMOES, 95, Wayland Twp.

June 18, 2025

PATRICIA JEAN JENKINS, 82, Allegan Twp.

June 20, 2025

RICKI KAE EASTMAN, 78, Lee Twp.

June 21, 2025

TY ALAN FOOTE, 50, Hopkins Twp.

June 23, 2025

JACOB SYBO SYBESMA, 94, Gun Plain Twp.

KAREN LYNN LESMAN, 61, Lee Twp.

LARRY ERWIN BOGSETH JR, 50, Fennville

June 24, 2025

ROSE ANN KONING, 86, Holland

June 26, 2025

JUDITH ANN BALLINGER, 77, Holland

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between June 24 and July 2:

KYLEIGH NIKOLE HALBLAUB, Caledonia, and **AARON MICHAEL MULDER**, Caledonis

JUSTIN AARON WOLBRINK, Hopkins, and **MALLORIE LOUISE CAMPBELL**, Hopkins

DARRELL WOODROW PENDERGRASS, Pullman, and **CONNIE LYNN JONES**, Pullman

BRYCE ANDREW JIPPING, Byron Center, and **JOSIE MAE VANDERZWAAG**, Hamilton

JOSLIN ELIZABETH GOODRICH, Allegan, and **JASON FRANKLIN SENTERS JR**, Allegan

ROBERT DALE TRUAX SR, Fennville, and **KAY YVONNE TENBRINK**, ZELIENOPLE, PA

DOMINIC RYAN MALOTT, Plainwell, and **KATHERINE ANNE MCKINNEY**, Plainwell

KINSEY LYNN HENDERSON, Allegan, and **BRANDON LEE HENDERSON**, Allegan

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(See Solution Page B7)

Public Notices

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, July 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Christopher Menzel and Toni Menzel, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for BM Real Estate Services, Inc., its successors, and assigns , Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2022, and recorded on February 23, 2022, in Liber 4732, Page 874, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 03, 2025 and recorded June 04, 2025 in Liber 5038, Page 945, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two and 20/100 ($250,532.20) including interest at the rate of 4.25000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 18, Summit Estates, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2060, Page 216, and Amendments thereto, Allegan County Records, and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 146, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed, and Amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as: 167 SUMMIT DRIVE, ALLEGAN, MI 49010 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: June 19, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00051-1

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 07, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Sean E. Reilly and Megan Reilly, a husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: December 22, 2016 Recorded on January 11, 2017, Liber 4104, on Page 359, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Thirty-One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Three and 65/100 Dollars ($231,193.65) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 883.04 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ON SAID NORTH LINE, 200.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 617.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 92.50 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY 107.42 FEET ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF FARMVIEW DRIVE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 626.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO A PRIVATE EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES OVER THE SOUTH 10.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 43.00 FEET THEREOF. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE "X", AND A PRIVATE WALKWAY AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE "Y" AND AN EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE "Z". 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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 07, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Larry Allred and Nora Klimala, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: June 10, 2016 Recorded on June 16, 2016, Liber 4038, on Page 688, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Sixty-Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four and 26/100 Dollars ($64,124.26) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Beginning 770 feet North of the West 1/4 post of Section 5, Town 1 North, Range 15 West, Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan; thence South 110 feet; thence East 440 feet; thence North 82 feet; thence Northwesterly 441 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 1123 58th St, Pullman, MI 49450 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 07, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Shiann J. Kidder, an unmarried woman Original Mortgagee: Top Flite Financial, Inc. Date of mortgage: June 12, 2024 Recorded on June 13, 2024, Liber 4950, on Page 95, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight and 83/100 Dollars ($152,698.83) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: PARCEL 1 COMMENCING AT A POINT AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/8 LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST END THE CENTERLINE OF THE SO-CALLED GUN MARSH ROAD, AS A PLACE OF COMMENCEMENT; THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID 1/8 LINE, 320 FEET; THENCE DIRECTLY WEST TO THE CENTER OF SAID SO-CALLED GUN MARSH ROAD; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD TO POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT: PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 36, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, MARTIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 36; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, 1328.28 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 36 TO THE EAST 1/8 LINE OF SECTION 36; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 01 SECOND EAST, 203.13 FEET ALONG SAID 1/8 LINE TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST, 89.24 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST, 85.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 01 SECOND WEST, 25.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 1217 Marsh Rd, Plainwell, MI 49080 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, August 7, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by William Tom Beasley, Married Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Union Home Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 13, 2022, and recorded on June 8, 2022, in Liber 4768, Page 747, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 28, 2025 and recorded May 05, 2025 in Liber 5030, Page 343, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Seven and 08/100 ($256,297.08) including interest at the rate of 4.75000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4 and the Northwesterly 25 feet of Lot 5, Weny Addition to the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 39. Commonly known as: 633 MARSHALL ST, ALLEGAN, MI 49010 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: June 26, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00256-1

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Douglas Miller, an unmarried man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center, LLC

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: February 2, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 3, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $27,769.99

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 19 and 20 of West Sunset Acres Plat, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats on Page 2.

Common street address (if any): 529 Sherman St, Allegan, MI 49010-1452

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: July 3, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on 8/21/2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Kameron Christian Daugherty and Steven Daugherty. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for New American Funding, LLC. Date of mortgage: 1/12/2024. Mortgage recorded on 1/29/2024 as Document No. 2024001149, in Liber 4917, Page 236. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): New American Funding, LLC. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: $351,409.90 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, TOWNSHIP OF CASCO. THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST. Commonly known as 596 66th St, South Haven, MI 49090. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 07/10/2025. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-25-00210

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is given under section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the Allegan County Courthouse, starting prompt

Public Notices

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2025-65668-DE and JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Stacey Erin Workman Date of Birth:*September 10, 1969
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Stacey Erin Workman , died May 17, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Laura Renee Workman , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Cunningham Dalman, P.C.
Jessica Arends P75919
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-1821
Laura Renee Workman
4569 McDonald Drive Overlook Address
Stillwater, MN 55082
(314) 326-6932

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48TH CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
ALLEGAN COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
Court Address: 113 Chestnut, Allegan, MI 49010
TO:ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS
241 HUBBARD STREET
ALLEGAN, MI 49010
IN THE MATTER OF: PARKER ALLEN
CASE NO. 25-70268-NA PETITION NO.
A hearing regarding PUTATIVE FATHER HEARING will be conducted by the court on AUGUST 7, 2025 at 2:00 PM in FAMILY COURT HEARING ROOM B before REFEREE MOLLY SCHIKORA. You have the right to an attorney and the right to a trial by a judge or jury.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that ANY UNKNOWN FATHER personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Termination of your parental rights. 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010, Family Division.
Dated: 7/1/25
Judge Jolene A. Clearwater (P74848)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. XXX and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Charles D. Klies (AKA Charles D. Kleis) Date of Birth:*February 24, 1951
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Charles D. Klies (AKA Charles D. Kleis) , died April 13, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Chad Aaron Kleis, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
7/1/25
West Michigan Law
Adam Zuwerink P67631
96 W 15th Street, Suite 301
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 834-0262
Chad Aaron Kleis
5694 Jamail Drive NE
Belmont, MI 49306
(616) 745-9084

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: RAMON MANUEL HERRERA has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M. at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: RAMON MANUEL HERRERA to RAMON MANUEL RUIZ-GARCIA

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65706-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Aaron Christian Fenrich, Deceased Date of Birth:*07-28-1968
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Aaron Christian Fenrich, died 03-11-2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Arthur Julius Fenrich, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
7-1-2025
Christopher T. Antkoviak P59448
416 Hubbard Street
Allegan, MI 49010
(269)673-8468
Arthur Julius Fenrich
3389 57th Street
Hamilton, MI 49419
269-941-3969

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on AUGUST 21, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dallas Dickson, an unmarried man and Samantha Tilma, an unmarried woman, as joint, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Caliber Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 2, 2021 and recorded July 13, 2021 in Liber 4644, Page 194 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Five and 7/100 Dollars ($234,245.07).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on AUGUST 21, 2025.
Said premises are located in the Township of Cheshire, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:
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3840 104th Avenue, Allegan, Michigan 49010
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: July 10, 2025
File No. 25-008989
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(07-10)(07-31)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 21, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Joshua David Raak, married man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: May 14, 2021 Recorded on May 19, 2021, Liber 4621, on Page 315, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Nine Hundred and 31/100 Dollars ($231,900.31) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: The West 215 feet of the East 515 feet of the North 530 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Salem Township, Allegan County, Michigan, more particularly described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the East 515 feet of the North 530 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16 and being South 89 degrees 19 minutes 28 seconds East 2132.30 feet from the West 1/4 corner of Section 16; thence proceeding on the East and West 1/4 line of Section 16, South 89 degrees 19 minutes 28 seconds East 215.00 feet to the East line of the West 215 feet of the East 515 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16; thence on said East line, South 00 degrees 18 minutes 44 seconds West 530.01 feet to the South line of the North 530 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16; thence on said South line, North 89 degrees 19 minutes 28 seconds West 215.00 feet to the West line of the East 515 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 44 seconds East 530.01 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 3114 143rd Ave, Dorr, MI 49323 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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RELIGION SECTION

In the fifth chapter of his letter to the Galatians, St Paul wrote about the dangers of the 'fruits of the flesh' and promotes or encourages their positive counterparts, the 'fruits of the spirit.' It is obvious to us all, that it is St Paul's desire that we would live by the latter and avoid the former.

Those who live by the fruits of the flesh, he warns us, will not inherit the Kingdom. I am sure that most of us immediately think of eternal life in heaven with Jesus, and so we should. After all, books such as Revelation devote considerable space to discussing this subject, warning us about the importance of our choices.

To be honest, I do not want to wait until sometime in the future to experience the goodness of God's kingdom. Nor can I see any reason why we are not allowed to at least sample it while we are alive today. I want to live and move into a place today, and as long as I am here, where patience and gentleness prevail, where people work intentionally hard to avoid quarrelling with one another or picking a fight, a place where they are aware of the importance of caring for others.

Nowhere in the Bible that directly states we will not or may not experience this paradise here on earth. To live in a place where the fruits of the spirit are emphasized and promoted, is to truly come alive and flourish. It is also a place where we are mutually supportive so everyone can feel joy. It is the right way, the Christ-like way, to live.

It takes discipline and self-control, probably a lot of self-control, because never has it been so difficult as it is now. Perhaps it is because the world is getting nastier; perhaps it is because the news and social media notices every bad example we can find and publishes it. Perhaps it is because bullying and viciousness and name-calling are becoming increasingly acceptable. Kindness and good behavior seem to be a weakness.

You and I can never change the entire world, but we are responsible for ourselves, and for living into those instructions about the fruits and the spirit while avoiding the things of the flesh. Some are easier than others are. Right now, for example, it is incredibly east to get angry or quarrelsome because it is something we hear and see so often, both in real time and on social media. Sometimes it comes in odd little ways.

For example, recently there has been some discussion about restoring the Defense Department back to its original name - the War Department. The name was changed in the late 1940s when President Truman thought it sent the wrong message to the rest of the world, that the US wanted to make war instead of defend freedom and peace. We wanted to defend our country, not wage a series of wars around the rest of the world.

I write that, not as a political commentary, but how even small gestures and words, in all areas of life, can have great impact on promoting or tearing down the Kingdom of God.

G C Stoppel
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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, MI

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